

WHAT DO NUKES HAVE TO DO WITH CLIMATE CHANGE?

LET'S TALK ABOUT: COOPERATION

Week Two: August 15—21

Nuclear weapons and climate change are two of the greatest threats facing the world. With nearly 14,000 nuclear weapons, nine nuclear-armed states possess the capacity to destroy humanity and devastate the environment through war. Climate change threatens all life and responding to it involves shifting priorities and resources away from militaries and war, toward just and sustainable peace.

In the Clinton Franciscans' Laudato Si' Action Plan for 2022, a commitment was made to "Research harmful environmental effects of the production of nuclear weapons and make Information available to the public in 2022." This is in keeping with the Corporate Public Stands taken by the Clinton Franciscans on Care for Creation and Nuclear Disarmament.

From August 8 – September 5, the Franciscan Peace Center will be sharing a weekly series of infographics created by Pax Christi International which highlight the relationship between the threat of nuclear weapons and the threat of climate change.



COOPERATION = SOLUTION

Nukes and climate change threaten both present and future generations. People of all ages agree that cooperation is the solution to climate and nuclear issues. Nuclear powers and major polluters must rise above their do-nothing deadlocks over nuclear disarmament and climate action. The world expects nothing less.

GLOBAL MAJORITY

The 2017 United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and the 2015 Paris Agreement show that the majority of UN Member States want to cooperate in tackling global issues of climate change and nuclear threats. Civil society, including Pax Christi International, has been very actively involved in the adoption and implementation of these treaties.

CASE IN POINT

In 2020, the International Peace Bureau organised an online world conference and mobilisation 'Abolish Nuclear Weapons' bringing together nuclear disarmament, peace, climate and justice organisations, leaders, activists and A-bomb survivors (Hibakusha), from every continent in the world.

INCLUSIVE COOPERATION

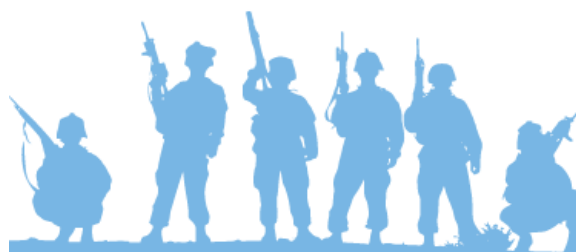
To tackle climate and nukes issues, we need people to cooperate around the globe, of different ages and from different socio-economic and cultural backgrounds. Everyone can make a difference. Together we can come up with climate and nukes solutions for communities and countries.

WHAT NOW?

Start taking action on nukes and climate change with other people. Our goal is a peaceful and healthy planet. All actions count including small ones. Tell your government, tell companies and corporations, about the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and the conferences on climate change. Show how through broad cooperation, including with civil society, these can and must be implemented.



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