

NUCLEAR ABOLITION OR EXTINCTION?

THE CHOICE IS YOURS



LIVERMORE NUCLEAR WEAPONS LAB WEST GATE

From I-580 E take S. Vasco Rd. exit, 1.4 miles to
West Gate Dr. - Parking on side streets.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

9:00AM

Rally will be followed by a "die-in," a traditional Japanese Bon Dance (inviting our ancestors to join us), and nonviolent witness and direct action for those who so choose.

SPEAKERS

Marylia Kelley and Jackie Cabasso - MCs

John Burroughs - Lawyers Committee on
Nuclear Policy & Western States Legal
Foundation

Anoushka Raj - Tri- Valley CAREs

Grace Morizawa - Asian Americans for
Peace and Justice

Fr. Thomas Bonacci - The Interfaith Peace
Project

Patricia Ellsberg will give us a call to
action!

TAIKO DRUMMERS LED BY GREGORY WADA



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Foundation, Women's International League for Peace and
Freedom, the Ecumenical Peace Foundation and counting...

Join us at the Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab
on the 81st anniversary of the U.S. atomic
bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Support
global nuclear abolition at the location where
new nuclear warheads are being designed today.



Watch the livestream at:
<https://youtube.com/live/k4UEK9Xg8-k>

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“This is our cry, this is our prayer: Peace in the World!”

(The prayer of Sadako, from “Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes”, by Eleanor Coerr)

“I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors...”(Deut. 30:19ff)

My father trained to be a glider pilot for the invasion of Japan. As a child, dad told me that his orders to prepare for the planned allied invasion were canceled “the day after the bomb was dropped” on Hiroshima. Though many Americans at the time considered the killing and radiation poisoning of well over 100,000 Japanese civilians to be a necessary evil needed to end the war, by today’s moral, ethical, and legal standards this would clearly have been a colossal war crime, the environmental impact, and medical, human, social, and cultural costs of which, will now continue for generations to come.¹

The first atomic bomb was the result of a 9 centimeter plutonium “pit” surrounded by uranium, which destroyed and radiated for perpetuity the surrounding desert land of Alamogordo, New Mexico. This test was codenamed “Trinity” by J Robert Oppenheimer after his lover, Jean Tatlock introduced him to the plaintive poem “Batter My Heart, Three-Person’d God” by John Donne.²

Today there are already 12-15,000 pits worldwide, with the vast majority made by the US and Russia³, while our own beloved Cathedral continues to bear the name “Trinity”. Thus the spiritual, as well as environmental and human impact of the Trinity, Hiroshima, and Nagasaki bombs on human life, and upon all future life on earth, have been the incalculable result of three 9 centimeter Plutonium “pits”.

And And now the Department of Energy, the Department of War, and the the Nuclear Safety Administration are planning to make 80-200 **new** plutonium pits **per year** by 2030, at enormous cost to every taxpayer, and to countless native American (mostly Dine/Navajo) uranium miners, lab scientists, nuclear waste workers, superfund cleanup crews, and citizens of surrounding towns, including Livermore, CA, where two huge superfund sites now tell of the desolating sacrilege that is now the outcome of decades of work on the hydrogen bomb.

This is to invite any and all members of our diocese to join us August 6 at the Livermore nuclear weapons lab west gate from 9am to 11am. Details are included

¹ <https://cisac.fsi.stanford.edu/news/why-atomic-bombing-hiroshima-would-be-illegal-today>

² [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trinity_\(nuclear_test\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trinity_(nuclear_test))

³ <https://www.commondreams.org/opinion/no-new-plutonium-pits>

in the accompanying poster and youtube link for those who cannot attend personally. Finally, please contact your House Representative and Senators Schiff and Padilla, **urging them to cosponsor and sign** House Resolution 317 (Rep. James McGovern), Senate Resolution Senate Resolution 323 (Sen. Edward Markey), and House Resolution 1888 (Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton), all of which support the now worldwide, Nobel Peace Prize winning Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

***He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord. (Ps. 40:2-3, nrsvue)***

And, at anytime, you may always reach me here:

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