

**Joint Interfaith Statement on the Occasion  
of the 11th Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons  
April, 2026**

We, as people of faith, join in solidarity with our voices to call upon the leaders of the world to rescue the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) from crisis and to honor its deepest commitment: creating a world free from nuclear weapons.

On March 5, 1970, the NPT entered into force—emerging following the horrors of the previous decades. The Treaty rests on an extraordinary promise: non-nuclear-weapon states pledged not to acquire nuclear weapons, while nuclear-weapon states committed under Article VI to pursue negotiations in good faith toward complete disarmament.

Fifty-six years later, the Treaty’s most fundamental commitment remains unfulfilled. We see the NPT unraveling and a proliferation crisis brewing. The obligation to negotiate disarmament has been deferred, diluted, and in many cases openly dismissed. All nuclear-armed states are modernizing their arsenals with new delivery systems and doctrines that lower the threshold for use. The moral authority of the Treaty depends upon the credibility of the disarmament commitment. That credibility is now in crisis.

***The Urgency and Risk We Face Today***

With the Doomsday Clock set to 85 seconds to midnight, we are now the closest we have ever been to catastrophe. Many who hold power today do not fully grasp how near we have already come to nuclear war. We have survived not because our systems are foolproof, but because we have been lucky. And luck, as the UN Secretary-General said, is not a strategy.

Underlying all of this is a spiritual crisis rooted in the normalization of violence and war as instruments for resolving conflict between peoples and nations. When armed force is treated as a first resort, when military spending eclipses investment in human development, when entire populations are taught to accept the threat of annihilation as a condition of their security, our moral imagination has failed. The acceptance of apocalyptic violence as the final arbiter of disputes among nations is not simply a strategic posture. It is a spiritual sickness—one that every faith tradition we represent has named, lamented, and called its followers to resist.

***Our Faith Calls Us to Act***

It is our conviction, held in common across our diverse faith traditions, that life is a precious gift. And alongside that great gift comes the responsibility to both care for each other and for this good Earth entrusted to us. Nuclear weapons represent a failure on both counts—a betrayal of our duty to protect one another and to safeguard the planet that sustains all life.

We affirm that genuine security is built on justice, on mutual care, on the recognition that no nation's safety can rest on another nation's annihilation. We pray that the future of your children and ours is safeguarded and the fear of annihilation becomes a shadow of the past.

And so we hold hope in this crisis—hope as a bold conviction that the choices of this generation can determine whether the consequences of nuclear escalation are carried into future generations or halted in our time.

### **Our Call to Leaders Around the World**

We call on our leaders to reaffirm the spirit of the NPT as an urgent and binding commitment. We recognize the depth of the divisions among NPT member states. But we refuse to accept paralysis. We call for States to engage in real dialogue, moving beyond entrenched positions, to find the common ground of our shared survival. The challenges are numerous and complex. Yet, we hold hope that our leaders have the courage to prevent another nuclear catastrophe.

On the occasion of the 11th NPT Review Conference, we call on our leaders to honor two commitments above all. First, recommit to Article VI—not in rhetoric, but in action: with verifiable reductions, with a moratorium on new warhead development, with a return to negotiations that includes all nuclear-armed states. The grand bargain of the NPT cannot survive if one half of it is perpetually deferred. Second, center human security in nuclear policy. Decisions about nuclear weapons must be grounded not in the security of states alone, but in the shared security of all people.

Faith, conscience and commitment to truly inclusive peace compel us to carry with us the voices of the hibakusha, the downwinders, and all global communities who have experienced and borne witness to the suffering that nuclear weapons inflict. We carry with us the hopes of our children, who deserve to inherit a world where the threat of extinction does not hang over every cradle.

We hold you in the Light. And we pray for you to be a beacon to your children and our children showing the path toward a better future. You have the power to begin creating a world free from nuclear weapons. We are asking you to use it.

### **Endorsing Organizations:**

1. AIDL International Foundation
2. All Souls Church, Unitarian, Washington, DC
3. All Souls Nuclear Disarmament Task Force
4. Alliance Internationale pour la Défense des Droits et des Libertés (AIDL)
5. Alliance of Baptists
6. American Friends Service Committee

7. Anglican Pacifist Fellowship
8. ASSOCIAZIONE COMUNITA' PAPA GIOVANNI XXIII
9. Australian Religious Response to Climate Change
10. beHuman
11. Cameroon Youths and Students Forum for Peace (CAMYOSFOP)
12. Center for Peace Education, Miriam College
13. Centro de Estudios Ecuménicos, México
14. Charter for Compassion
15. Christian CND
16. Christian Conference of Asia (CCA)
17. Church and Peace
18. Claretian Missionaries - Misioneros Claretianos
19. Columban Center for Christian-Muslim Relations
20. Comisión General Justicia y Paz
21. Community of Christ
22. Community of Christ - British Isles Mission Centre
23. Community of Christ - Western Europe Mission Center
24. Community of Christ Pacific, Canada, and Europe Field Team
25. Community of Christ USA
26. Community of Christ, Australia Mission Centre
27. Congregation de Notre Dame
28. Congregation of the Mission
29. Congregations of Saint Joseph
30. Cosmic Community Centre, Karickam . P. O, Kerala, India
31. Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, USA
32. Dominican Leadership Conference
33. Dominican Sisters ~ Grand Rapids
34. Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa
35. EarthDiverse Trust
36. ECPAT Guatemala
37. Ethiopian Evangelical Mekane Yesus Church - EECMY
38. Franciscan Peace Center, Clinton, Iowa
39. Gandhi Development Trust
40. Global Security Institute
41. Independent Catholic News ( ICN)
42. Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Loreto Generalate
43. Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County
44. Interfaith Council of Southern Nevada
45. JPIC Commission Union of Superiors General (USG) & The International Union of Superiors General (UISG)

46. Justice and Peace Scotland
47. Justice For All
48. Martha Justice Ministry, Sisters of St. Martha, Antigonish
49. Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic, Inc.
50. Medical Mission Sisters, Unit North America
51. Moruroa e Tātou NGO
52. National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA
53. NGO Committee on Disarmament, Peace and Security
54. North Carolina Council of Churches
55. Orcas Island Worship Group (Quaker)
56. Order of Lutheran Franciscans (OLF)
57. Oregon Unitarian Universalist Voices for Justice
58. Pace e Bene
59. Pacific Conference of Churches
60. Passionists International
61. Pastoral Social, Iglesia Anglicana de México
62. Pax Christi England & Wales
63. Pax Christi Flanders (Belgium)
64. Pax Christi International
65. Pax Christi Long Island (New York)
66. Pax Christi New York State
67. Pax Christi Pilipinas
68. Pax Christi Scotland
69. Pax Christi USA
70. Peace Action Group, 1st Unitarian Church, Portland OR
71. Peace Movement Aotearoa
72. Phoenix Settlement Trust
73. Presbyterian Church (USA), Office of Public Witness
74. Presbyterian Peace Fellowship
75. PROCLADE Internazionale
76. Quaker United Nations Office
77. Quakers in Britain
78. Quakers Queensland
79. Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary
80. Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Australia
81. Rissho Kosei Kai of New York Buddhist Peace Center
82. School Sisters of Notre Dame
83. Shepparton Interfaith Network
84. Sisters of Charity
85. Sisters of Charity Federation

86. Sisters of Charity Halifax
87. Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, Office of Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation
88. Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Congregational Leadership
89. Sisters of Charity of New York
90. Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of Mercy
91. Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill United States Province
92. Sisters of St. Francis, Clinton, Iowa
93. Sisters of the Good Samaritan
94. Soka Gakkai International
95. The Gandhi Foundation (UK)
96. The Grail
97. The Religious Diversity Centre in Aotearoa New Zealand Trust
98. The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) Wellington, Aotearoa New Zealand
99. The Swedish Society of Friends, Quakers
100. The United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society
101. Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community
102. Vision GRAM-International
103. Voices for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons
104. Waikato Interfaith Council
105. Wellspring Community of Australia inc
106. Wings for Amazon Project
107. World Council of Churches
108. World Yoga Community
109. Yearly Meeting of Aotearoa New Zealand Te Hāhi Tūhauwiri