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REMEMBERING HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI 2012 "FOR THE HISTORY OF THE FUTURE":

TWO SETS OF EVENTS, INCLUDING HIBAKUSHA WITNESSES

(Geotrees Editor's Note: This updated newsletter includes all the previously posted notices and points of contact, while new ones are added at the top. Simply scroll down to see all the events we've received.

*("The Tree" will continue to add any updates we receive throughout this period, into the week of August 4 through 11. We also welcome your leads, year-round, to groups and organizations working to build understanding, reconciliation and peace, which we add to the **GeoLinks Resources Catalog** page, at www.geotrees.com/geolinks.html. Feel free to send your updates and leads at any time to: editor@geotrees.com.*

*(This bulletin, as well as those for additional major timely activities, is kept current and available on the **Apples 'n Oranges Intercultural Café** site: www.geotrees.com/cafe.html. Thank you.)*

I. Added Saturday, August 4: "Pictures of Peace," Sunday, August 5 at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, Virginia

<<http://www.uucava.org/>>www.uucava.org

Sunday's Service

Sun., Aug. 5, 10 a.m. "Pictures of Peace" with Rev. Dr. Linda Olson Peebles. We learn of the special bond between All Souls Unitarian in the District and the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. A gift of artworks from the children of those cities has been treasured over the decades and continues to offer inspiration in our human journey towards peace.

To learn more about this fascinating story and to view more of the children's artwork, [follow this link]:

<http://www.hiroshimaschoolyard.com/about.html>

[SOURCE: Thanks to Moya Atkinson of that church, and of the Northern Virginians for Peace and Justice networking group, for this information. You may visit their message group's site at <http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/us-va-nova-peace/>.]

II. From the Hiroshima/Nagasaki Peace Committee of the National Capital Area:

Dear Friends,

This 67th anniversary of the atomic bombings, the Hiroshima/Nagasaki Peace Committee of the National Capital Area is pleased to welcome Mr. Yoshio Sato, 81, and Ms. Kuniko Kimura, 72, both survivors of Hiroshima. Despite their advancing age and physical infirmities, Ms. Kimura and Mr. Sato are here to tell us about the horrors they experienced, in the profound hope that nuclear weapons are abolished before they can be used again.

Please try to attend at least one of the public commemoration activities and listen to the moving testimony of our special Hibakusha guests.

(NEW, Added Friday, August 3) Saturday, August 4, 6:00-8:00pm -

The Hiroshima/Nagasaki Peace Committee of the National Capital Area and the All-African People's Revolutionary Party (GC) invite you to a Reception to welcome Mr. Yoshio Sato (81 years old) and Ms. Kuniko Kimura (72 years old) to Washington, DC.

This Reception in honor of our Japanese Guests will be held on Saturday, August 4, 2012, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, at the home of **Lois and Kamau Benjamin, in NW, Washington, DC.** Light refreshments will be served. Please bring your favorite dish or beverage. Space is very limited. You must RSVP at paroots02@yahoo.com.

Mr. Sato and Ms. Kimura are Hibakusha, survivors of the United States atomic bomb attacks on **Nagasaki and Hiroshima**. They are visiting the DC area from August 3 to August 11, 2012, the **67th anniversary** of the bombing, to tell us about the horrors they experienced in the profound hope that nuclear weapons are abolished before they can be used again. Please try to attend at least one of the commemoration activities and listen to the moving testimony:

[SOURCE: Thanks to Sisterspace and Books, 3717 Georgia Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20010 for this information. You may visit their site at <http://www.sisterspacedc.com/>.]

Sunday, August 5, 6:30pm -

Hiroshima Commemoration at the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial

- A Moment of Silence at 7:15pm;

- Hibakusha testimony; Fukushima Update; Children's activities.

Monday, August 6, 5:00pm -

Baltimore Hiroshima Commemoration

- 5-6pm vigil: at 33rd & North Charles St in Baltimore;
- 6-7pm: Potluck supper at Homewood Friends Meeting, 3107 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21218;
- 7pm: Testimony by Hiroshima survivors and Fukushima update.

Tuesday, August 7, 4:00pm -

American University School of International Service building, Founder's Room

- Rev. Phil Wheaton will introduce the Hiroshima survivors.
- Following the testimony, there will be questions and answers.

Wednesday, August 8, 9:30pm -

Nagasaki Commemoration and Candlelight Vigil at Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House

- A moment's silence at 10:02pm.

Thursday, August 9, 6:00pm -

Fredrick, Maryland Nagasaki Commemoration

- 6pm - Downtown Vigil at the intersection of Patrick and Market Streets;
- 7pm - Survivor Testimony at Evangelical Reform United Church of Christ, 15 West Church St.

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III. From the Dorothy Day Catholic Worker House DC and Jonah House (Baltimore):

Please Join us August 6th and 9th Faith and Resistance Retreat to Commemorate the U.S. Nuclear Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

On August 6, 1945, the U.S. ushered in the Nuclear Age by using nuclear weapons against the Japanese. 67 years later, we seek to remember the pain, repent the sin and reclaim the future in a Faith and Resistance Retreat. Our retreat theme is taken from Matthew's Gospel: 'Why do you harbor such evil in your hearts?' (Matthew 9:4) In our prayer and reflection together, and in our nonviolent public witness, we will seek to remove the evil in our own hearts and confront and resist the evil that has led the U.S. to become a nuclear empire.

Due to our being a smaller group this year we will only be gathering on August 5-6 and August 9 (see details below).

When and Where:

August 5:

Gather at 6:30 p.m. at Stephen and the Incarnation Church, 1525 Newton St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20010. At 7:00 p.m. we will meet in the sanctuary for a theme reflection, action preparation, video of the aftermath of the atomic bombings and prayer. Pick-up food will be offered.

August 6:

(Anniversary of the U.S. nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and the feast of the Transfiguration): Nonviolent witness at the Pentagon and Udvar Hazy Museum where the Enola Gay is displayed. Times to be decided at the August 5 gathering.

August 9:

(Anniversary of the U.S. nuclear bombing of Nagasaki):
12 Noon - 1:00 p.m. nonviolent witness at the White House where we will be joined by two Hibakusha (A-bomb survivors) who will offer testimony. We will also remember the anniversary of the martyrdom of Franz Jagerstatter and Edith Stein. We will meet at Dorothy Day Catholic Worker at 10:00 a.m. and then go to the White House for a nonviolent witness.

(NEW, Wednesday, August 1, 2012) 7:30 pm – a showing of the documentary **The Forgotten Bomb** with a presentation by Art Laffin of the Dorothy Day Catholic Worker House. Sponsored by the **St. Francis of Assisi Pax Christi** group. Held in the Youth Room (Rectory basement), St. Francis of Assisi, 6701 Muncaster Mill Road, Derwood, MD 20855.

We sincerely hope that you can make time in these days to join sisters and brothers in saying:

NO MORE HIROSHIMAS!

NO MORE NAGASAKIS! NO MORE WAR - WAR NEVER AGAIN!

**ABOLISH WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION FOREVER! TRANSFORMATION,
NOT ANNIHILATION!**

**CONVERT OUR WAR ECONOMY TO MEET HUMAN NEEDS AND PROTECT THE
ENVIRONMENT!**

Please let us know if you can be with us. You may phone, e-mail or write:

- Dorothy Day Catholic Worker, [202-882-9648](tel:202-882-9648), artlaffin@hotmail.com
- Jonah House, [410-233-6238](tel:410-233-6238), disarmnow@verizon.net.

THE PHOTO: In 2010, sixth graders in an art class near Syracuse, NY made 1,000 peace cranes to send to Hiroshima. Click to the **Apples 'n Oranges Intercultural Café** on Geotrees' home page for details!