

THE PLEDGE OF NAGASAKI

Men and women of the world: never again plan war.

With this atomic bomb
war can only mean suicide for the human race.

From this atomic horror the people of Nagasaki
confront the world and cry out: NO MORE WAR.

Let us follow the commandments of love
and let us work together.

The people of Nagasaki prostrate themselves before
God and pray:

Grant that Nagasaki may be the last atomic wilderness
in the history of humanity.

Grant us peace.

Remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki 70th Anniversary



Event supported by local and international organizations:

Hamilton Mundialization Committee; International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, Mayors for Peace, Project Ploughshares, Physicians for Global Survival; Centre for Peace Studies (McMaster University); Amnesty International; Gandhi Peace Festival; United Nations Association; Interfaith Council for Refugees and Human Rights; Culture of Peace Hamilton; Religious Society of Friends (Quakers); Hamilton Voice of Women for Peace; Burlington Association for Nuclear Disarmament; Children's International Learning Centre.

Thursday, August 6, 2015

12:00 Noon

Peace Pole, Hamilton City Hall

71 Main St. West, Hamilton, ON, L8P 4Y5

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GATHERING MUSIC
"Hiroshima Nagasaki Memorial"
Rev. Seiichi Ariga

CALL TO REMEMBRANCE
Joy Warner
Culture of Peace Hamilton

Students' Poetry Presentation

Burlington's Do Kon Daiko Japanese Drummers

MOMENT OF SILENCE

COMMUNITY AFFIRMATION
All to join in

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CLOSING MUSIC
"Longing for Peace"
Rev. Seiichi Ariga

***Please join us for a reception at the City Hall outside
Council Chambers following the program***

Let's resolve to eliminate nuclear threat from the world

Call for volunteers for the Shadow Project.
Thursday, Aug 13, 7 pm. on James St. North.
Contact: Bryce Kanbara You Me Gallery (905-523-7754.
Chalk provided.

COMMUNITY AFFIRMATION

We, who live in the shadow
of the mushroom cloud
today declare our commitment
to future generations
and to action on their behalf.

From our diverse religious traditions we renew
our wonder at the sacredness of the earth
and the sanctity of life.

We declare that we are at peace
with all people of good will.

We require no leader to tell us
whom to call "enemy"
or whom to call "friend"
or what to call "security".

Instead, we affirm
that our earth's security rests
not in armaments, but
in the fairness of adequate housing, food and water;
in the justice of safe and renewable energy;
in the legitimacy of meaningful education and work;
in the integrity of economic order
that gives everyone
access to our earth's abundance;
in the honesty of political process
to which all people contribute;
and in the decency of human relationships
nourished by cooperation and love.

We choose struggle rather than indifference.

We choose to befriend the earth
rather than exploit it.

We choose a future free of nuclear war,
oppression and hunger
and we will settle for nothing less.

We unite with our sisters and brothers the world over
to join in communities of resistance
to the spirit of annihilation.

We unite with trust in the Spirit of Life.

For before us today are set life and death
and we choose life

that we and our children may live.

So let it be! (Author unknown)