

# No More Bombs



## Information and Advocacy for Nuclear Disarmament

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### Seeking Inspiration

Dear Friends of Peace, The threat of nuclear war has never been greater. I know, I promised not to preach here, but it needs to be said. Just as important to acknowledge are the many positive steps being taken by so many people to prevent it. This nuclear disarmament challenge demands the concerted action of many hands and hearts to solve, and we had an opportunity to witness and participate in a very special event this month, that has renewed our faith in human nature, and showed just how powerfully a dedicated community can speak. It was amazing!



[From Hiroshima to Hope](#), the annual lantern-floating ceremony honoring victims of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and all victims of violence. This event is held every year on August 6, at Green Lake Park in Seattle. It only succeeds in spreading its message by the combined efforts of many individuals and groups. We will be using what we learned from this group, and every idea each of you may suggest, to guide our activities in the coming year. Please take the time to view their website, and ours, and assert your own creativity by joining this movement in active participation. Education in schools, lobbying of candidates and legislators at all levels, public statements, connecting to other groups, organizing events, music, art, performance, fund raising, all of these are needed and we welcome your help. Thank you.

**Our next scheduled meeting is September 27, 1 to 5 pm, at Anacortes Public Library**, but you don't have to wait until then. We can get together anytime you want, to discuss any ideas you have, and plan any activity you suggest. Please call or text me 360-840-3826, or email [tracy@nomorebombs.org](mailto:tracy@nomorebombs.org).

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**Status report: UN Treaty to ban nuclear weapons** As of July 25, 60 nations have signed, and 14 of them have ratified the treaty. Still a long way to go, but support continues to grow among the global community. More details at <http://www.icanw.org/status-of-the-treaty-on-the-prohibition-of-nuclear-weapons/>

**ICAN** just conducted a series of polls among our allies in Europe. 65% of respondents in Belgium, Germany, Italy, and the Netherlands want their governments to send back all US nuclear weapons stationed in their countries, and 69% want their countries to sign the UN Treaty Prohibiting Nuclear Weapons, worldwide.

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**2019 Nuclear Weapons Budgets passed by Congress** As expected, spending on all phases of nuclear weapons projects, in both Defense and Energy Departments, has increased again, with one exception: nonproliferation programs, including New START extension, has gone down. Totals in Defense are \$21 Billion, and Energy \$15 Billion. ( Nuclear weapons now account for half the Energy Department budget. ) Details from Arms Control Association are on our website. <https://www.nomorebombs.org/presentations-you-can-use.html>

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**Thinking of writing a letter to the editor?** Here is a helpful guide prepared by the Washington Coalition Against Nuclear Weapons. It is also very useful in preparing your letters and phone calls to Senators and Representatives. <https://www.wanwcoalition.org/how-to-write-a-letter-oped> And speaking of Congress, the Senate's August recess has been shortened again, so in-person office visits are less likely, but we can still let them know what we think on nuclear weapons issues. A complete list of bills and contact info for Senators Murray and Cantwell, and Representatives Larsen and DelBene are on [our website](#).

**Volunteer opportunities:** Several other peace groups are active in our area, and we could use some help in contacting them, and developing working relations, so that our efforts and theirs are more coordinated. Working together, all our activities can be more successful. Here are a couple.

Ground Zero, Bremerton <http://www.gzcenter.org/>

Whatcom Peace and Justice Center, Bellingham <https://www.whatcompjc.org/>

In addition, if anyone has contacts in any local churches, we would really like to reach out to them as well.

I am happy to meet with you and any contacts you connect with, any time. Thank you

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We are always seeking your comments, complaints, suggestions, new ideas, anything that can support our mission of working toward the elimination and abolition of all nuclear weapons.

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**"If we have all these bombs, why can't we use them?"**

You Know Who

