Churches say NO to Nuclear Weapons

The General Synod of the Church of England

Calls on Her Majesty’s Government to respond positively to the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons
08 July 2018

Pope Francis
The use of nuclear weapons deserves condemnation. “The threat of their use, as well as their very possession, is to be firmly condemned.”
11th November 2017

Quakers in Britain:
CONDEMN UNRESERVEDLY THE POSSESSION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THE POLICY OF DETERRENCE

Church of Scotland

Reaffirm that possession, use or threat of use of nuclear weapons is inherently evil, congratulate ICAN on the Nobel Peace Prize, welcome the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and urge the UK Government to engage with the treaty to disarm its nuclear weapons.

Church Leaders to The Times:
"THE GOVERNMENT MUST TAKE A LEAD - CANCELLING TRIDENT WOULD BE A MOMENTOUS STEP - BRITAIN CAN LEAD THE WAY."

Leaders and senior figures of All UK Faiths on occasion of Nobel Peace Prize 2017
We call on the UK government to add its support for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

All Churches in Wales & the Society of Friends:
REPLACEMENT OF TRIDENT IS A DENIAL OF OUR TREATY OBLIGATIONS

All RC bishops in Scotland:
USE OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION WOULD BE A CRIME AGAINST GOD AND HUMANITY.

Moderator of the Church of Scotland
Attempts to sustain peace through the threat of indiscriminate mass destruction could not be further from the peace to which Christ calls us.

Baptist Union of Great Britain:
We will never achieve peace with a defence policy built on fear.

Baptist, Methodist & U.R.C. leaders:
Replacing Trident flies in the face of commitments made to the non-proliferation treaty.

Paul Parker, Recording Clerk of Quakers in Britain:
We see that of God in everyone. This means we cannot threaten others with weapons of mass destruction

Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales:
We ask Parliament to reflect that the use of nuclear weapons can never be justified.

Rachel Lampard, Vice-President of Methodist Conference:
It is scandalous that the UK Government has consistently opposed opportunities for discussion on multilateral disarmament.

Archbishop of Canterbury 2010 (Rowan Williams)
I find myself baffled ... why we need a more expensive way of unaccountable slaughter...

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Church of England
The proposed upgrading of Trident is contrary to the spirit of the UK’s obligations in international law and the ethical principles underpinning them.

Synod Resolution GS 1644, 2007

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Christians working and praying for a nuclear-weapons-free world