Happy New Year

to all our members!

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Christian CND is 60!

Spring & Summer events to commemorate
60 years of campaigning

Synod, Embassies Walk and more

Plus news, reviews, events and prayer diary
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**From the Office**

Thank you to all who have donated to our annual appeal. So far £835 has been raised. It’s not too late; if you find you didn’t spend as much as you’d planned at Christmas, if you’ve had a small windfall, or if you found a few bob down the back of the sofa, please do think about making a small donation to Christian CND.

We still take cheques (make out to ‘Christian CND’ and send to the office), or donations can be made online at: https://christiancnd.org.uk/christian-cnd-christmas-appeal-2019/ (note that you do not need a PayPal account, when you get to the PayPal page, just select the second button marked ‘Donate with a Debit or Credit Card’, though you will need to add an email address and a phone number. You can also ring (Mon mornings and Tues afternoons) with your card details and I can make the online donation for you. Please don’t leave your card details on the voicemail!

Or you can do a bank transfer to account number 50366516, sort code (continued on page 3)
Happy New Year to all our members from the Christian Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. This last year has been an exciting one for us, with lots going on.

We demonstrated outside Westminster Abbey when a service of thanksgiving for Nuclear Weapons took place, handed in a petition to Downing Street, attend the Big Church Day Out, went to the NPT meeting in New York and held our AGM in Brentwood Cathedral (where we welcomed our new exec), amongst many other actions and events. You can take a look back at all of our actions on our website and learn more about what we’ve gotten up to.

Now, looking forward into 2020, we have a lot of exciting plans in the pipeline already. In coming weeks and months we are welcoming friends from South Korea on their Peace Pilgrimage, attending the Church of England Synod, attending the NPT in New York again, and returning to Big Church Day Out to introduce ourselves to more Christians.

Most significantly for us, we are marking our 60th anniversary. This is a big year for us that is tinged with excitement for what is to come but also some sadness at the fact that we still exist as an organisation. There is still work to do, but we are reflecting on what has been done and the progress we have made. We have some great events lined up over the summer that you’ll be hearing about soon, so watch this space! And as always, if you would like to get more involved or feel that you could contribute in some way, please do get in touch.

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08-90-75 (please drop us an email to tell us it’s for the annual appeal and put your name as the reference).

Several members have asked if their donation can be Gift-Aided. No, sorry we can’t do that, we’re not a charity.

Finally, in case you missed it, CCND cotton shopping bags are back in stock. Long handled to go over your shoulder, they fold up into their own pouch and are ethically made in Pondicherry, India by Bags of Ethics: https://bagsofethics.org/ Check out their website for information on the people who work for them, and have a look at their manufacturer, Supreme Creations: https://www.supreme-creations.co.uk/ who make a selection of amazing bags of various shapes and sizes as well as tea towels, aprons, and lots more. If you’re thinking of a fundraising strategy for your church, do consider ordering some goods made for Supreme Creations!

All CCND goods available from the webshop. There’s also an order form on the back of the sheet informing you if your sub is due for renewal.

Thank you for your continued support.

Claire Poyner
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Ash Wednesday, 26 February
Join us, Pax Christi and London Catholic Worker, at 3.00pm in Whitehall Gardens (closest to Embankment station.) and process around the Ministry of Defence to the front at Horseguards Avenue. See diary page for other Ash Wednesday events around the country.

Annual Embassies Walk, 31 March
Plans are still at that early stage. We aim to visit a few embassies of countries which have signed up, not yet ratified, the Ban Treaty, focusing on the Caribbean and Africa.

If you are planning on coming, please let us know now, so we can include your name on the list which some embassies insist upon in advance. If you’re not sure and decide to join us on the day, you are still welcome as there are plenty of embassies which welcome all-comers, and of course embassies which never let anyone get near the front door (USA, we’re looking at you, but don’t worry, we won’t be bothering you this year). In the latter case, we simply leave (or post) a letter.

This year, given that most countries we will visit, are somewhat sympathetic, we are hoping for some good conversations.

We will meet for a prayer service in the Dick Sheppard Chapel, St Martin-in-the-Fields Trafalgar Square, at 11am. And then at noon, we will be in the cafe having lunch with some briefings.

Don’t worry if you’ve never been before, and think ‘but I don’t know nothin’, you will be paired up with people who have done it before. And anyway, we often find the embassy staff know even less about nuclear disarmament.

Look forward to seeing you on the 31st!

Annual Barbara Eggleston Memorial lecture
Very provisional date 6 June in Oxford. Venue and speakers tba but please put the date in your diary if you’re in the area. And maybe you have a few items of memorabilia to add to our travelling exhibition??

Please let us know if you have any items you’d like to share for our exhibition.

More plans for the summer
Some firm plans (as in, we’ve booked so we have to go!)

Christian CND will be at the NPT Review Conference (see page 6).

We’ve booked for the Big Church Day Out on 23-24 May. If you’re going, look out for us, and come and say hello!

Plans at the very early stage:

Conference in Westminster Central Hall, in July.

60th Birthday Event/Reception at Portcullis House in the Houses of Parliament, also in June.
Come and attend the General Synod of the Church of England, 10-15 February 2020. Church House, Great Smith St, Westminster. We will have a fringe meeting on 12 February at around 12 noon (tba, check with the office later) with guest speaker, Pat Gaffney.

It’s perfectly easy, you just enter Church House from Great Smith St, morning or after lunch, and ask for a ticket at the desk. There may be a queue. Then the lift or lots of stairs to the visitors’ gallery, where you will be searched; then you look down on the debate.

CCND will have a Stall. We could always do with help; if you can help you will need photo ID: email/send a passport type photo to the CCND Office with your details, do it soon, deadline soon. The Abbey Cafe is conveniently near just across the road, happy to meet you there.

It is an exciting time in the C of E. I am amazed that our Bishop Stephen Cottrell is to become Archbishop of York. He was pivotal us getting the Church of England Motion (GS 2095) on the ethics of Nuclear Weapons at York 8 July 2018. That brought the C of E into line with most churches in the UK in condemning nuclear weapons. In fact, our last two Archbishops, Rowan Williams, with a minority Press Statement, and now Justin Welby, who totally unexpectedly suddenly appeared with his entourage and staff, at our last fringe meeting at Church House and said ‘The matter is urgent’ and set off the process to achieve the Motion against nuclear weapons. I feel there’s a substratum in the C of E whose spirituality was formed in the 80’s partly in opposing nuclear weapons.

Now is the time to build on that. 2020 is not only Christian CND’s 60th Anniversary; it is also the meeting of the Lambeth Conference, there every 10 years representative bishops from most countries in the world meet. (July 23-2nd August at Canterbury.)

The actual Lambeth Conference is a closed meeting; representative bishops only. So this General Synod now here in Westminster is the last time we can send any kind of message in the direction of Lambeth in a normal kind of way.
Future Plans

With us in Spirit

On 24th April, three of our Exec members will be off to New York to attend the 5 Yearly Review Conference of the Non Proliferation Treaty at the United Nations which begins on 27th April. There we will be lobbying, going to fringe meetings and taking part in the early morning interfaith prayer vigils. “It’s all right for them,” you might say, “having an exciting time in the USA.” But we want you to be part of it too, and here are some ways this can happen.

During the weekend immediately before the conference, we shall be at the World Conference for Disarmament, Peace Climate and Justice that is being held in the Riverside Church, where Martin Luther King Junior made his historic speech. On the Sunday of that weekend, there will be a march from Manhattan to the United Nations where a petition of more than 10 million signatures asking for progress on disarmament will be handed in. We will be there with our banner too.

Things you can do.

1. Get as many signatures on the enclosed petition as possible and send them into the office by 14th April. And we will take them and add them to the others.

2. There are many anxieties about progress at this Review Conference, particularly as some nations want to pull out; so prayer. Could you undertake to say a daily prayer from Easter Sunday until the close of the conference on 22nd May. Perhaps you could collect prayer promises from your Church. You could put a box there saying what the prayers are for.

3. Tell your local and church press how you are linking with us in New York, and why you think this is important.

4. If you are able and want to help fund your CCND reps. and their work and can help sponsor them, please send a contribution to the office to help, whether it’s pounds or pence it will be gratefully received.

And whatever you do, stay in touch. Make sure the office has your email address and our daily reports and photos will be forwarded to you. Why not ask us to come and tell you and your friends all about it, when we come back.

Patricia Pulham

Our delegation in 2005
We met in the Dick Sheppard Chapel at St Martin’s for a prayer service. Russell, our Development Manager, had divided it into 3 sections when we prayed for a world without nuclear weapons, the Ban Treaty and our General Election. We also remembered the 2 young people killed at the London Bridge attack and their work for peace and reconciliation. Martin Birdseye had brought some new placards with quotes from Pope Francis’s recent speech in Nagasaki as well.

After the prayers (and a cup of tea) we stood on the steps outside where many people photographed us. We were interviewed by 3 journalists (including one from Austrian Radio) and were able to talk to a number of people who commented on and congratulated us on our stand.

We were joined by Retd Col. Ann Wright from the Peace Boat group who told us that they had been sailing by the Philippines and were next going to sail up the West Coast of the USA. They had been to the Marshall Islands nuclear test area too.

Afterwards we walked round the Square (more photographs) to listen to the speeches and be part of the main Demonstration. We all felt we needed to go home then, so did not continue on to Buckingham Palace.

Patricia and Michael Pulham
Life and Peace Pilgrimage comes to London

At the end of January Christian CND is delighted to welcome members of the Bargn Nuri Community for London for a series of meetings with peace campaigners and politicians. The Bargn Nuri Community is based in South Korea, living a lifestyle of peace and working and praying for peace across the Korean Peninsula and in the wider world. We asked them to tell us a bit more about their work and their visit to London, which is part of a peace pilgrimage to Europe.

“Today, the Korean Peninsula remains divided for over 70 years with ideological oppositions. Korean people continue to suffer from the imperialism, war and destruction of nature caused by the arrogance of the 20th century humanity.

A New Era
Seeking to end the Korean War, we pray to change the war-state to a peace-state of the two Koreas. Yet it would be unfortunate if this change ends up being the closing chapter of the last century. We pray that a new era on the Korean Peninsula embarks on the beginning of a new civilization where the values of life and peace are sought in everyday lifestyles.

Life and Peace Pilgrimage
To that end, we kicked off Life and Peace Pilgrimage in October 2017 to continue for 1000 days. The Year 2017 witnessed a series of hostilities including North Korea’s multiple nuclear tests and the ‘fire and fury’ exchanges between North Korea and the U.S. But we kept on dreaming of a Korea completely free of nuclear weapons, arms, and military exercises. With peace on the Korean Peninsula, we envision anti-nuclear efforts and demilitarization expand in Northeast Asia and eventually the globe.

In the past two years, we carried on pilgrimages at 330 locations in five countries where civilians had suffered from the colonial and imperial invasion, war, and dictatorships of the 20th century. At each visit, we take time to remember those who were inflicted during historical events and meet with locals engaged in peacebuilding activities.

Civilians’ role in peacebuilding
In peacebuilding process, we believe civilians should be engaged and play a significant role to bring outcomes that reflect diversity and achieve sustainable peace. Life and Peace Pilgrimage is now joined by more than 400 individuals and 60 organizations who are active peace-makers in the fields of conflict resolution, ecology, community building, and education.

We believe peace is more than slogans. Peace should be sought in all aspects of life. Going beyond settling on short-term, negative peace, we are working for long-term solutions that can generate positive peace. Over the 30 years of its history, Bargn Nuri has built lifestyles that reflect the values of life and peace in the way of food, clothing, and housing, marriage, parenting, and education.”

A report of the meetings will appear in a future Ploughshare.
Christian CND congratulates the new Archbishop of York

Christian CND is delighted that Stephen Cottrell, currently the Bishop of Chelmsford, will be taking over as Archbishop of York when John Sentamu retires later this year.

Bishop Stephen has been a long-standing opponent of nuclear weapons and supporter of Christian CND. In addition to enabling us to attend the Church of England Synod Bishop Stephen also played a key role in securing the current Church of England position on the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Agreed at the York Synod in 2018, it calls on the UK Government to “respond positively” to the Treaty and outline plans for disarmament under the terms of the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Bishop Stephen opened the debate on the Ban Treaty in York by saying that there were “no circumstances” in which modern-day Trident missiles can be used to justify the destruction they would cause.

Please join us as we pray for Bishop Stephen and his family ahead of him taking up the new role, as well as thanking God for the work and service of Bishop John Sentamu ahead of his retirement.
Pope Francis visits Japan

Pope Francis made a historic visit to Japan at the end of 2018, visiting the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, sites of the only use of nuclear bombs in wartime. During the visit the Pontiff called for global nuclear disarmament, continuing to lead the global calls for action to be taken.

The Pope also met survivors of the attacks, known as Hibakusha, during his visit. Hibakusha have dedicated their lives to campaigning to ensure that no one else has to endure what they lived through in August 1945 and continue to deal with to this day.

The Pope’s message was delivered in front of the iconic photograph of a boy carrying the body of his younger brother to a crematorium in the aftermath of the attacks.

The Pope spoke of how ‘convinced’ he is that ‘a world without nuclear weapons is possible and necessary’ and called on political leaders ‘not to forget that these weapons cannot protect us from current threats to national and international security.’

We pray that the Pope’s words will be heeded by Catholic clergy around the world, including the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales, who have so far failed to support efforts towards disarmament through the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons at the United Nations.
DIY Video Workshop

I suppose one could make the mistake of expecting a video training day to be something to endure – possibly run by incomprehensible geeks – but NO! We were absolutely delighted!

The two trainers were not only genuine experts, but also total ‘people people’, able to fully communicate with great clarity. These wonders had been sourced by Andrew Gibson of SOAS and Young Pugwash. (We had sponsored his visit to Kazakhstan, the former Soviet nuclear testing hinterland.)

In the morning, Alex took us through all the elements of production and then sent us out on the streets of Manchester to capture various kinds of shots and interviews. If wasn’t raining!

We enjoyed lunch together in the relaxed atmosphere of an informal nearby cafe and returned to be led by Liam through the business of post-production and editing. Finally, Liam used some of our practice material to demonstrate the making of a finished work.

We are so glad we went! We met people we knew and Kel (Kellen) has written up a fuller report for Peace News: https://peacenews.info/node/9541/moving-pictures

Michael Pulham
When I first joined Christian CND, I have to admit that I didn’t know much about nuclear weapons or disarmament. I knew that they were bad and not something we should want for our world, but other than that, I didn’t have much of a clue.

It was my conviction that nuclear weapons should not be part of God’s kingdom on earth that motivated me to join CCND. Since then I have been able to learn so much about disarmament and the peace movement, and especially how Christians can be involved. Joining CCND has allowed me to be actively involved with the disarmament movement and to encourage other Christians to do the same.

Having been a member for nearly two years I have been able to take part in the activities of the organisation in many different ways, including helping out with communications, volunteering at events and festivals and now as a member of the executive committee. I’ve had some amazing conversations with people who share our views, and some enlightening ones with those who don’t.

Through these activities, my knowledge of nuclear disarmament has only grown, as has my conviction that nuclear weapons need to be banned. We live in a politically divided time, and nuclear weapons only feed into that.

Campaigning for CCND has introduced me to a lot of different ideas and opinions on the issue, but one that has stood out to me the most is this quote, from the Quaker Meeting for Sufferings in 1955:

“We believe that no one has the right to use [nuclear] weapons in his defence or to ask another person to use them on his behalf. To rely on the possession of nuclear weapons as a deterrent is faithless; to use them is a sin.”

If we are convinced that we should bring God’s kingdom to earth and that Jesus is the Prince of Peace, then shouldn’t we be striving to rid the world of this great evil? That’s what CCND is doing, and I’m proud to be a part of it.

Rebecca Dillon
Whilst there’s a lot of online campaigning, we realise that many CCND members will not have computers, smart phones, or tablets, and will never have used email let alone ‘social media’ (Twitter, Facebook etc). It might seem daunting to start and there’s no reason why you should feel you have to since we will always provide a paper and post option to keep you in touch.

However, if you are feeling adventurous, why not get involved? You can use emails and the internet as often, or as little, as you choose!

You will of course need access to a device of some sort. Your local library should have PCs available where you can familiarise yourself with introductory computer skills and they may even offer beginner’s internet classes.

You will need an email address if you are going to do almost anything online. You can get a free email account from Gmail, Yahoo mail or Hotmail.

If you need more help once you’re online, do a search for ‘online help for beginners’ or similar. AgeUK has some useful help for beginners including staying safe, and a glossary of terms and acronyms. https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/work-learning/technology-internet/

Now some of you might well already have all this, but are unwilling to share your email address because you don’t want to be inundated. Be assured if you share your email with Christian CND we will keep it safe and never share it with other organisations (that would be illegal). We will only share it with other members with your express permission. We will not add you to our email list without your permission either, and it’s easy to unsubscribe without that affecting your membership of CCND.

If you already get loads of emails and don’t want to add to your inbox, why not set up another email address solely for emails from campaigning organisations? That way you can separate out your friends and family emails from the rest.

So if you have your email address, and want to receive our monthly email packed with news, a prayer diary, and more, get in touch via christians@cnduk.org, or go to the link at the very bottom of the home page (some scrolling will be required) or tick the email sign up box on your sub renewal letter. The other thing you can do if you get online, is follow us on Twitter or ‘like’ our Facebook page (links to these on the website home page).

Even if you do not want a regular news email, it is useful to be in touch with us via email, since I am only in the office on Monday and Tuesday mornings, but I do check the emails on other days. Good luck and be safe out there!

Claire Poyner
Five things you can do for Christian CND this year

Our members make all the difference to our work for a nuclear weapons-free world. As we mark our 60th anniversary throughout 2020, there are lots of different ways you can get involved to make sure that this year is our best yet!

1. **Pray** — we want everything we do to be underpinned by prayer. History is full of instances where God moves in a significant way when His people come together in prayer. You can find some inspiration to fuel your prayers in our monthly online Prayer Dairy.

2. **Donate** — Christian CND relies on the generosity of our members for everything we do. We have big plans for this year, but many of them need money to happen. Please donate to our fundraising appeal if you haven’t already done so.

3. **Volunteer** — we’ll be attending events and festivals around the country this year. If you can give up some time to staff a stall, have our exhibition in your church or volunteer in any other way, get in touch.

4. ** Invite** — as well as our exhibition of our history we’re also putting together a network of speakers who can come and tell your church or group more about our work for a nuclear weapons-free world. Why not arrange for us to come to your church?

5. **Attend** — even if you don’t have the time to volunteer, we’d love to have you along to any one of our events this coming year. Details are available on our website and will be listed in future *Ploughshare* issues.

Tell a friend about Christian CND this year

Our membership has been growing in recent times, which means we can reach even more Christians with our message of peace and disarmament. One of the best ways of finding out about an organisation is being told by a friend or family member. So throughout our 60th anniversary we want to encourage you to tell at least one friend or loved one about Christian CND and encourage them to become a member.

All of our work, from our Embassies Walk, to attending disarmament talks at the United Nations through to raising our profile on social media, is only possible thanks to our members. We don’t get any outside funding, but we rely on people who share our vision for a nuclear weapons-free world. You’ll find a membership form included in *Ploughshare*, but if you need any more, just let us know!
Christian CND is for the denominations as a single issue organisation. Contrastingly, there are single denomination organisations, such as APF and Pax Christi, which address more than one issue. Christian CND is an example of various kinds of Christians working together, which is hopefully pleasing to Christ, whose desire is, “that they all be one, as Thou, Father in Me, and I in Thee.”

Members, aware of human fallibility, look to Christ for support and example and in their faith recognise Him as their actual leader. The function of the two alternating co-chairs is facilitation, which involves supervising meetings, helping members and ensuring everyone’s voice is heard.

Our way of working together could be of interest to other ecumenically composed groups. It might even feed general ecumenical advance. In any case, it would draw attention to our existence if we advertised it.

Individuals themselves stand to benefit as they follow Christ’s example. His principal example of love; also the avoidance of violence of any kind; and humility too (though nobody can match His descent from Glory to helpless baby!)

Michael Pulham,
September, 2019
“Peace begins with Me”

Were you transfixed by Archbishop Justin Welby’s eyes as he challenged us on TV to make a heroic New Year Resolution?

When I myself have suggested that peace would come if everyone was strongly concerned for others, rather than prioritising themselves, I’ve been told, “It’ll never happen!” (An indication of how submerged we are in the way the world is.)

Is a focussed development of relating too much to ask? We Christians see how Jesus behaved. He didn’t say following him would be easy, (it certainly wasn’t easy for Him!), but to align with Him, to participate in His mission, has to be fulfilling.

What about having people teach us techniques for listening and befriending? Ways of positively relating and genuinely making friends – friends even of actual and potential enemies? (Violence only begets violence.)

Might this become an element of our Christian formation? Energise us and be useful in reversing the decline of congregations? Even ultimately affect international relations? Send us what you think.

Michael Pulham
No war on Iran — Pray for peace

Tensions between the United States and Iran have been heightening for some time, but recent events have taken things to a dangerous place that calls for urgent action and prayer.

Donald Trump campaigned in 2016 on the promise to withdraw the United States from the Iran Nuclear Deal. The pact, painstakingly negotiated over many years, curbed Iranian capability to develop a nuclear weapon in return for sanction relief. Despite calls from the international community including the UK, the United States withdrew from the agreement after Trump’s election.

Earlier this month the United States carried out the extra-judicial killing of Iranian General Qassam Suleimani, and in response the Iranian regime launched missile attacks against military bases in Iraq hosting American forces. There have been widespread calls for de-escalation and the peace movement around the world has been mobilising to resist any further military intervention in the Middle East.

Christian CND welcomes statements from leaders that they do not wish to reach a military exchange. We continue to urge all sides to engage in dialogue and diplomacy, including the restoration of the Iran Nuclear Deal; we call on the United States to withdraw the threat to target cultural sites in Iran and on the Iranian government to hold back from any reprisal attacks. At this time it is also vital that Christians unite in prayer for our leaders to have the courage to seek peace, for our brothers and sisters living in the region and for the message of peace and reconciliation to pervade the region.

You can find fuel for your prayers in our online Prayer Diary, please join us as we seek God at this time.

Write to the prime minister: https://cnd.eaction.org.uk/nowaroniran2020
There are always some members of an organisation that seem so much part of it, that you cannot imagine it going on in the same way when they are no longer there. It feels bereft, different.

Barbara was one of these, enthusiastic, warm-hearted, the centre of so much we did. It was so good that she was able to join the Molesworth rededication of the Cross, last year.

Her funeral was one to remember. Have you ever been to another where Morris dancers performed at the wake, and where the person you were celebrating had written her own notes to go in the funeral service booklet? So here is a short extract from what she wrote herself.

“Headship of Haynes Primary till 1977 when I married Morris and retired!!!

That’s when life began!!!
Joined the Amici Singers, worked at Fairfield for SALP, joined CND, Christian CND and Pax Christi! Started as a volunteer at St. John’s Hospice, Moggerhanger, where Morris later died. Started my life of crime! Morris died in 1989 and since then have just carried on”.

So Barbara carried on as an executive member of CCND until her 80th birthday and as a “Nukewatcher” tracking convoys on the A1 even beyond that.

“Rest in Peace “does not seem to be the right phrase to use. I don’t think Barbara’s heaven will be like that. So, dear Barbara, carry on campaigning in whichever way you can, until we meet again.

Patricia Pulham

(More photos of Barbara on page 19)
Obituary

Barbara Sunderland

Above: Barbara at the ‘Caring for Creation Conference in 2008

Above: Barbara and US intern Eric Brenner, looking after a CCND display, we think at Greenbelt

Left: Barbara enjoying a meal with the CCND delegation to New York for the NPT in 2005
Meetings and plannings

Your Exec team continues to meet six times per year. We begin and end every meeting with prayer and we hope you pray for us too! In September we looked back over a busy summer and forward to our AGM Conference. We continued to plan for our 60th birthday year in 2020, which promises to be busy: it’s a great opportunity to celebrate, to increase our membership and to grow our influence.

In a small but symbolic decision we also agreed to pay more to GreenNet, who host our website. They had pointed out that we were running out of online storage space, which is a sign of how much we have been doing! The cost increase is tiny compared to the number of people who find out about us that way. Every month about 1200 visits are been made to our website. Even more people keep in touch via Twitter and Facebook.

At the November meeting we continued to plan for 2020, including running stalls at various Christian festivals and conferences. We discussed ways to reinforce our links to main CND; our plan to sponsor a reprint of a classic Christian book, “The Politics of Love”; and how best to link to the Lambeth Conference next summer.

We were delighted to welcome Rebecca Dillon as an Exec member for the first time and it was also great to have Kelvin Gascoyne back at the table. Both are already making a big contribution to Christian CND, and the return of Kelvin will also improve our environmental credentials by completely eliminating any food waste.

We met again in January. After all the winter snuffles and other challenges, it was a sign of God’s providence that the whole Exec of twelve managed to be there! The focus was on our many plans for 2020, including our plans for a major event in central London in July. We hope and pray that everything we do this year helps to grow our membership, as we know that the opportunities are there to do much more if we have the people.

The Exec team can do little on our own, so if you can get involved with any of the things we are planning, or have plans of your own, we want to hear from you.

One of the machinists making our new CCND shopping bags (see p 3)
January

Many churches will have celebrated Peace Sunday on 19th January. Reflecting on Pope Francis’ Peace day message let us see 2020 as a Journey of Hope; featuring dialogue, reconciliation and ecological conversion.

And we pray for Governments around the world as they come to ratify the Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, in hope that enough will do so to make it come into force this year.

February

The UK will find itself outside of the European Union which is essentially a peace project. Pray that peace among European nations will be preserved.

Pray that the Church of England General Synod (meeting on 10-13th Feb.) will continue its progress towards a moral consensus on nuclear weapons. And for Christian CND in preparations for its presence there.

On Ash Wednesday (26th February) we take our prayers to the MOD in repentance for the national sin of trusting for our security to the genocidal threat of nuclear violence.

March

Pray for the people of Iran, that they may find peace, security and respect. (Nowruz, 20th March is the Persian New Year).

Pray for hearts to be moved and for many successful contacts gained in the Christian CND Embassies Walk on 31st March.

April

Easter Sunday 12th April – give thanks for the grace of working for disarmament. And for the people we work with, in Christian CND and all the collaborating organisations.

For our people, preparing to travel to New York to be a Christian voice in the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review Conference (27 April to 22 May).

That the nuclear nations of the NPT may learn to make progress on implementing Article 6 of the Treaty.

That other nations don’t abandon the NPT because of lack of progress.

And continue to give thanks for the grace of perseverance in 60 years of campaigning progress by Christian CND.
8 February: Our Common Home – creative responses. NJPN Open Networking Day. Speakers: For a Global Response: Fr Augusto Zampini Davies, an Argentine priest, currently Director of Development and Faith at the Dicastery for Integral Human Development of the Vatican. For a Local Response: Nikki Jones, freelance researcher on energy and climate change, and founder of Avon Needs Trees. There will be an opportunity to hear about justice and peace activities from groups around the country. 10.30 – 4pm, St Nicholas of Tolentino Parish Hall Lawford’s Gate, Bristol BS5 0RE. admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk 020 7901 4864 https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/njpn-meetings/

26 February: Ash Wednesday. Annual Witness at the Ministry of Defence, London. 3.00pm. Meet in Whitehall Gardens (closest to Embankment station.) and process around the Ministry of Defence to the front at Horseguard Avenue. Organised by Pax Christi, Christian CND and London Catholic Worker. 020 8203 4884 http://paxchristi.org.uk/

Coventry Pax Christi and friends: Ash Wednesday Action. Gather at 11.45am at the foot of the Old Cathedral steps.

Liverpool Pax Christi will lead a public act of repentance for our possession and intended use of the nuclear weapon. 12 noon beginning at St Luke’s Church. Ashes liturgy with special focus on the nuclear ban treaty. Jan: 07746919915 janharper1@yahoo.co.uk

4 March: International Women’s Day event with Kate Hennessy, granddaughter of Dorothy Day, supported by Pax Christi. 7pm at Bloomsbury Baptist Church 235 Shaftesbury Ave, London WC2H 8EP. 0208 203 4884 http://paxchristi.org.uk/

7 March: London Region CND AGM and Conference. Preceded by London CND annual general meeting, 10-11.30am, CND members welcome. Please register at info@londoncnd.org Room B104, SOAS Brunei Gallery London. More info: 020 7607 2302 info@londoncnd.org

28 March: Our Power is Real. A day conference to commemorate the 60th anniversary since the building at 5 Caledonian Road, Kings Cross, London was transformed into Peace House, a space which has gone on to provide a base for many campaigning organisations. University of East London in Stratford. More details to come. 020 7837 4473 shop@housmans.com https://tinyurl.com/tl6lhfy

31 March: Embassies Walk, London. Meet 11am in St Martin-in-the-Fields Dick Sheppard Chapel, then at 12noon in the cafe for a quick lunch and briefings.

More details tba but please put the date in your diary. Walking boots optional, rain-wear advisable.
25 April: Conference: ‘Prophets and Reconcilers’. A conference organised by the Network of Christian Peace Organisations of which Christian CND is a member. 9.45am Maria Fidelis School, Drummond Crescent Euston, London NW1 1LY. 020 8203 4884 info@paxchristi.org.uk http://paxchristi.org.uk/news-and-events/events-calendar/

26 April: Chernobyl Day. Remembering the world’s worse nuclear disaster.


Planning a Hiroshima/Nagasaki Day event? Let us know!

Roger Morris, Bishop of Colchester, giving his keynote speech at our AGM last October. If you’d like a copy of his excellent speech, get in touch with the office

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- Unwaged individual £9, (£12 household)
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