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news update from Christian CND

January 2010

Christians working and praying for a nuclear weapons-free world

Happy New Year to all our supporters

Spring events update

Aldermaston Blockade

As you will know by now, there is a Big Blockade planned for the 15th February. There is lots of information on the Trident Ploughshares website at: <http://www.tridentploughshares.org/article1577>

TP say: "We would like as many groups as possible to organise their own training, tactics and support well before February and then to travel directly to AWE Aldermaston to join the blockade on the Monday morning. We can help put people in touch with groups if you contact us and we can also help provide groups with trainers and advice. Those who cannot find a group to join can come along on their own on the day but should read the pack carefully and note the strict nonviolence guidelines. Contact the Action Line on 0845 4588 361 for more information."

There is training planned in London on 23rd January and 6th February (see back page).

CCND supporting events at Aldermaston

CCND will be holding an overnight all-night candlelit vigil at the Tadley Gate, Aldermaston. This will begin with a short service at 9.00pm on Sunday, 14th February, and finish in the same way at 7.00am the next morning. The Prayer for Peace will be recited on the hour during the night. Please come well-prepared for the cold, and with sufficient refreshments. Parking should be possible opposite Tadley Gate and it's quite permissible to go back to the car for a bit of a 'warm-up' or a nap! Please do come along, even if just for a few hours.

Then, at 11am on the Monday, there will be a liturgy at Tadley Gate. CCND will be leading an Inter-faith service to witness for peace with ecumenical participation from the Anglican & Methodist Churches confirmed.

Ash Wednesday

The Annual Ash Wednesday witness of repentance and resistance to nuclear war preparations will take place on 17th February. Gather at 3.00pm in Embankment Gardens (turn right out of Embankment Station - facing the river). Process to the Ministry of Defence, Horseguards Avenue. Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London, NW4 4TY 0208 203 4884 www.pax-christi.org.uk

Embassies Walk

On 1 March 2010, CCND will be continuing with the traditional Embassies Walk.

We have just written to the Embassies, and hope that some of them will be able to meet our delegations, and that at the very least, they respond positively to receiving our official letters on the NPT.

If you have a particular interest in, or knowledge about, a specific country, feel free to join us for that Embassy, and then why not come along for the others as well? The walk will be split into at least two separate walks and you won't necessarily have to walk all the way (buses will be used where appropriate). Full timetable will be available soon.

Flame of Hope walk

On 4 March, CCND will be participating in this walk along the south coast of Britain. This walk (Dover to Southampton) is part of a feeder march relaying a Flame of Hope which will be carried to New York to join a flame brought from Hiroshima, in time for the NPT Conference. CCND's part of the relay will be from Dungeness to Hastings. You can join us for some or all of the walk, or you could just be there on the day when the Flame is handed over. There is a timetable on the web and in the December *Ploughshare*.

23 January: Nonviolent Direct Action training for the Aldermaston Blockade. Friends House, 175 Euston Road, NW1 2BJ. 10am to 5pm Contact Mell mellcndeast@cnduk.org

6 February: Nonviolent Direct Action training for the Aldermaston Blockade. Friends House, 175 Euston Road, NW1 2BJ 10.0am - 12.45pm. Contact Chris chrisandgwyn@phonecoop.coop Alison Crane 0845 4588362 can help find trainers and provide training materials for your local group. Let us know about your training so we can help publicise it.

11 February - 1 May: Footprints for Peace International Peace Walk, USA. From Y-12 Nuclear Weapons Facility, Tennessee to the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty Review Conference at the UN in New York. Info www.footprintsforpeace.net nptwalk@footprintsforpeace.net

14 February 2010: Overnight all-night candlelit vigil at the Tadley Gate, Aldermaston. This will begin with a short service at 9.00pm on Sunday, 14th February, and finish in the same way at 7.00am the next morning. The Prayer for Peace will be recited on the hour during the night. There will be an inter-faith liturgy at 11am on Monday.

15 February 2010: Big blockade at Aldermaston. Briefings and notes at: www.tridentploughshares.org or ring 0845 45 88 366.

17 February: Annual Ash Wednesday witness of repentance and resistance to nuclear war preparations - Ministry of Defence, Whitehall, London. Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London, NW4 4TY 0208 203 4884 www.paxchristi.org.uk

20 February: Musicians Against Nuclear Arms Concert for Peace. A return of the popular duo: Ruth Underwood flute and Margaret Lion piano. Hinde Street Methodist Church. MANA, 71 Greenfield Gdns, London NW2 1HU. 020 845 1030. admin@mana.org.uk

1 March 2010: CCND Embassies Walk in London. See front page.

Easter Sunday, 4 April 2010: *Flame of Hope*. Christian CND walk from Dungeness to Hastings. See front page.

3 - 28 May 2010: Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference (RevCon) in New York. Lots of useful info from Reaching Critical Will: <http://tinyurl.com/8t92nb>

8 March: International Women's Day. Same week is Women's Day of Prayer for World Peace.

You can order Pax Christi's celebrating women peacemaker cards to send greetings to women peacemakers at home and internationally. Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London, NW4 4TY 0208 203 4884 www.paxchristi.org.uk

27 March: "Peacebuilding in an Unstable World". Wesley Chapel, City Road, London. AGM and Meeting held by Uniting for Peace (a joint Action for UN Renewal and World Disarmament Campaign meeting). Speakers include John Jacob English (Free University of Ireland and author of 'Collapse of the War System') and Jeremy Corbyn MP. Contributions also from Lord Peter Archer of Sandwell, Vijay Mehta, and Brian Cooper. 10.30-5.00pm. Info: Vijay Mehta (vijay@vmpeace.org) Advance bookings (please sent at least £6) to: Brian Cooper, WDC, Po Box 28209, Edinburgh, EH9 1ZR (0131 446 9545)

8 May: Musicians Against Nuclear Arms (MANA) Concert for Peace. With: The Chilingirian String Quartet. Hinde Street Methodist Church. Details: 71 Greenfield Gardens, London NW2 1HU. 020 8455 1030. admin@mana.org.uk www.mana.org.uk

Monday 15 May: International Conscientious Objectors' Day. <http://www.wri-irg.org/co/15may.htm>

17 - 19 September: Christian CND 50th Anniversary event in Coventry Cathedral. More details later.

You may recall in our previous Ploughshare, that Barbara Sunderland asked "Perhaps we could publish a book of the inspirational lives of our wonderful women?"

We have already had one response. We would like to publish a booklet of Peace Women in time for our anniversary event in Coventry, in September. So please let us have articles, or ideas for further research into, Peace Women, especially (but not exclusively) those connected to CCND. Thank you!

How to join CCND

Annual membership subscriptions are:

- Waged, individual: £12 (£15 household)
- Unwaged individual £6, (£8 household)
- Group affiliation: from £10

- I/we wish to be a member of CCND
- Please send a standing order form
- I enclose a cheque/PO (payable to CCND) to include the following:

Membership: £.....
 Donation: £..... (Thank you!)
 TOTAL: £.....

Name.....

Address.....Postcode.....

Telephone.....Email:.....

Denomination/church position:
 (Optional)

- To help with local campaigning, I agree that my contact details can be passed on to other CCND members.

CCND will **never** pass members' details to anyone who is not a CCND member.

Christian Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament