

Bells for Peace Campaign



August 6 & 9, 2020

The 75th anniversaries of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Communities are invited

to join in Bell ringing and “making a righteous noise” at the time of dropping of the bombs.

Individuals are invited

to set a reminder and take a moment to reflect...

“Set a chime for those times”

- On **Thursday, August 6th and Sunday, August 9th** church bells, hand bells and other appropriate devices are to be rung across Vancouver Island at the time the bombs exploded: 8:15 a.m. on August 6th and 11:50 a.m. on August 9th.

All are invited to take part in the online educational event:



On **Thursday, August 6th at noon**, a live Zoom presentation with a question and answer period on the current nuclear weapons threat, nuclear weapons and religious faith, and the public health and the environmental consequences of nuclear weapons.

[Register here to receive the Zoom link.](#)

The distinguished presenters for this event are two physicians and a brilliant young student activist.

Dr. Mary-Wynne Ashford is past President of International Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War, winner of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize. She has twice been awarded the Governor General of Canada Award and has participated in humanitarian missions to North Korea.

Magritte Gordaneer from Victoria is a student at McGill University. She founded McGill Students for Peace and Disarmament, the university's only student peace group. Magritte travelled to Hiroshima to participate in the Academy on Nuclear Weapons and Global Security presented by the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), winner of the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize.

Dr. Jonathan Down is President of Physicians for Global Survival. He is a pediatrician at the Queen Alexandra Centre for Children's Health in Victoria and an adjunct professor at the University of British Columbia and University of Victoria.

Moderator for the program is **Bill Geimer**, US army veteran and Professor of Law Emeritus, Washington and Lee University.

Send any questions to Bill Geimer at peacevetcanada@gmail.com

The week of 2-9 August, 2020 is to be designated as **Hibakusha Remembrance Week** honouring the survivors of the bombings.

Churches, synagogues, mosques, temples, and peace groups are invited to arrange related education events.