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Report of the Interfaith Group, May 2017

The Interfaith working group brings different religious and spiritual communities together to highlight the immorality of nuclear weapons and the responsibility of faith-based communities to work for peace, cooperative security and a nuclear-weapon-free world.

The Interfaith working group:

- organises prayer vigils at key international events – such as United Nations and NPT conferences – and helps facilitate interfaith presentations to these events;
- provides resources for faith based communities to reflect and act on the issue of nuclear disarmament;
- promotes faith-based statements on nuclear disarmament;
- promotes key days for observance by faith-based communities.

Over the past two years members of the group have:

- Initiated [A Nuclear-Weapon-Free World: Our Common Good](#), an international joint statement of religious leaders, mayors and parliamentarians adopted in Hiroshima on the 70th anniversary of the nuclear bombing. The statement highlights the immorality and illegality of nuclear weapons and calls for their elimination under a global treaty;
- Organised [Now is the Time](#), a joint statement of UK religious leaders;
- Drafted and presented interfaith statements to the [2015 NPT Review Conference](#), [Open Ended Working Group](#), [UN General Assembly First Committee](#) and [UN Negotiations on a nuclear prohibition treaty](#);
- Organised an [Interfaith Convocation](#) in New York at the start of the 2015 NPT Review Conference;
- Organised [Moral Compass high level interfaith events](#) at the United Nations in cooperation with the Holy See;
- Promoted nuclear abolition at the Parliament of the World's Religions, and achieved the support of its leaders for A Nuclear-Weapon-Free World: Our Common Good;
- Organised nuclear disarmament prayer vigils and other interfaith events during [Chain Reaction](#) (a global chain reaction of civil society events from July 8 until October 2), especially on key commemorative dates including July 8 (anniversary of the ICJ case), August 6 (Hiroshima Day), August 9 (Nagasaki Day), August 29 (International Day Against Nuclear Tests), September 21 (International Day for Peace), September 26 (International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons) and October 2 (International Day of Non-violence).

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