Silent Vigil for Hiroshima  
Monday, August 6, 8:00 a.m.  
World War Memorial Flagpole, New Haven

Silent Vigil for Nagasaki  
Thursday, August 9, 11:00 a.m.  
Amistad Statue, City Hall, New Haven

After Nagasaki Vigil we will visit UN West River Peace Garden, to place flowers from both vigils at Gingko Tree.

United Church on the Green will ring the bells for the vigils.

We will share poems, read the Peace Declarations from Japan, and community readings. Wear black. Please bring poem or reading.

International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) is a coalition of non-governmental organizations in one hundred countries promoting adherence to and implementation of the United Nations nuclear weapon ban treaty.  ican.org

“Nuclear weapons cannot distinguish between military and civilian targets, or between combatants and non-combatants. Most of the casualties of a nuclear attack would inevitably be civilians. Once the explosive energy of a nuclear chain reaction has been released, it cannot be contained. People in neighboring and distant countries who have nothing to do with the conflict would suffer from the effects of radioactive fallout, even if they were at a safe distance from the blast and thermal destruction near ground zero. This disproportionate and indiscriminate destructiveness is clearly a violation of international humanitarian law.

The catastrophic health and environmental consequences of nuclear war are at the extreme end of a continuum of armed violence that undermines health and security. Outlawing and eliminating nuclear weapons is part of a broader struggle for genuine human-centered security founded on respect for basic rights, including rights to education, health care, decent work and a clean environment.”

NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE INHUMANE

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This Gingko tree is a sapling from a survivor tree (Hibakujumoku), of the U.S. atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan on August 6, 1945. 135,000 people died ~~~ Never Again!  
September 18, 2016

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Tree planted at the UN West River Peace Garden, at the crossing of Ella T. Grasso Boulevard with Legion Avenue and Martin Luther King Boulevard, New Haven