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At a meeting in Philadelphia on November 18, 1995 participants agreed to adopt and support the statement of the NGO Abolition Caucus calling upon all states to take eleven steps to achieve nuclear weapons abolition. They are listed below. Please indicate:

- (a) Degree of active interest your organization has for each step:
none, some, moderate, much. Add other comments if you want to.*
- (b) Specific issues you are focusing on for steps #4.*
- (c) On page two, tactics you are using.*

Eleven Steps

(1) Initiate in 1995 and conclude by the year 2000 negotiations on a nuclear weapons abolition convention that requires the phased elimination of all nuclear weapons within a timebound framework, with provisions for effective verification and enforcement.

(2) Immediately make an unconditional pledge not to use or threaten to use nuclear weapons.

(3) Rapidly complete a truly comprehensive test ban treaty with a zero threshold and with the stated purpose of precluding nuclear weapons development by all states.

(4) Cease to produce and deploy new and additional nuclear weapons systems, and commence to withdraw and disable deployed nuclear weapons systems.

Overall

START II

Implementing NPT

START III

Preserving ABM Treaty

Zero Alert

Other

(5) Prohibit the military and commercial production and reprocessing of all weapons-usable radioactive materials.

(6) Subject all weapons-usable radioactive materials and nuclear facilities in all states to international accounting, monitoring, and safeguards, and establish a public international registry of all weapons-usable radioactive materials.

(7) Prohibit nuclear weapons research, design, development, and testing through laboratory experiments including but not limited to non-nuclear hydrodynamic dynamic explosions and computer simulations, subject all nuclear weapons laboratories to international monitoring, and close all nuclear test sites.

(8) Create additional nuclear weapons free zones such as those established by the treaties of Tlatelolco and Raratonga.

(9) Recognize and declare the illegality of threat or use of nuclear weapons, publicly and before the World Court.

(10) Establish an international energy agency to promote and support the development of sustainable and environmentally safe energy sources.

(11) Create mechanisms to ensure the participation of citizens and NGOs in planning and monitoring the process of nuclear weapons abolition.

Tactics you are using, such as policy statements, lobbying (focused on who?), education (for who?), media, grassroots organizing, mobilization of grassroots networks, electioneering, petitions, sign-on letters, special events, rallies, vigils, civil disobedience, and any other tactics.

Major

Minor

Signed _____ Date _____

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GOALS, STRATEGIES, AND TACTICS
OF THE
U.S. NUCLEAR ABOLITION NETWORK

I. Long-range Goals (Final Outcome)

- *Total elimination of all nuclear weapons on Earth, including
Dismantlement of all warheads,
Destruction of all delivery vehicles, and
Effective control and safeguarding of all weapons-usable
radioactive material.*
- *No further military or commercial production and processing of weapons-usable radioactive materials.*
- *No further nuclear weapons research, design, development, and testing in any manner.*
- *Closure and dismantlement of all nuclear weapons laboratories, testing sites, and production facilities except those needed for dismantling nuclear*

¹ *Drafted by Howard W. Hallman, Chair, Methodists United for Peace with Justice, incorporating (a) eleven measures contained in Statement of NGO Abolition Caucus (April 25, 1995) and (b) ideas discussed and material handed out at three organizing meetings of U.S. Nuclear Abolition Network.*

warheads.

- *Just treatment and compensation for nuclear weapons victims and survivors.*
- *Substantial efforts to mitigate and heal environmental damage caused by nuclear weapons production and testing.*

II. Instruments for Achieving These Goals

- *Nuclear Weapons Abolition Convention requiring elimination of all nuclear weapons with effective enforcement provisions, ratified and respected by all nations on Earth.*
- *Decision by World Court that the threat or use of nuclear weapons is illegal under international law.*

Intermediate treaties and agreements, including

- *Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, ratified by all nations on Earth and effectively implemented.*
- *Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty with zero threshold, ratified by all nations on Earth and effectively implemented.*
- *Strategic Arms Limitation Treaties between the United States and the Russian Federation, including ratification and implementation of START II and negotiation, ratification, and implementation of START III for deep cuts in the remaining strategic nuclear weapons.*

- *Preservation of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty to prevent the establishment of strategic missile defense systems.*
- *Agreements among nuclear weapons states to achieve zero alert status of nuclear weapons through removal of warheads or other vital components from delivery vehicles with safe storage under international inspection.*
- *Treaties creating nuclear weapons free zones, established by nations in particular regions and respected by all other nations.*
- *Unconditional pledges by all nuclear weapons states not to use or threaten to use nuclear weapons.*

III. Decision Makers

These treaties and agreements require action by nation states and international bodies composed of representative of nation states. Therefore, a citizen campaign to achieve nuclear weapons abolition must focus attention on the governing officials of nation states, including

*Chief executive
Civilian departments
Military department
Treaty negotiators
Legislative body*

Attention should also be given to negotiating forums and international

bodies as they function collectively.

IV. Strategies and Tactics for Influencing Governmental Decision Makers

■ Influence who is elected and appointed to public office

Electoral activities

Run for office

Support specific candidates

Campaign workers

Financial contributions

Contact with all candidates

Submit issue papers and policy proposals

Send delegations to discuss issues

Birddog campaign appearances

Nonpartisan activities, such as

Candidate forums

Questionnaires

Voting records of incumbents running for reelection

Recommendations for political party platforms

Appointments

Propose nominees

Support or oppose particular nominees

■ Influence decision-making processes

Executive (chief executive, department heads, top advisors)

Direct contact by

Top leaders of national organizations

Experts

Delegations of grassroots representatives

Indirect contact

Through legislators

Through influential persons who have access

Communications

Sign-on letters

Petitions

Grassroots letters, phone calls, faxes, e-mail

Picketing, vigils, and other message-sending techniques

Legislative bodies

Direct contact

At capitol

Lobbying

Delegations from home districts

Public hearings

In home districts

Individuals, delegations

Community meetings

Communications

Letters, phone calls, faxes, e-mail

Petitions

Sign-on letters

Treaty negotiators

Citizen drafts of treaty proposals

Track treaty negotiations and keep network organizations informed

Rally support for or opposition to specific treaty provisions

International bodies

Track proceedings

Influence delegations on specific issues

■ **Influence public opinion**

Think pieces, proposals, and other documents
Editorials, op-ed pieces, magazine articles
Television shows, radio talk shows, radio and television ads
Rallies, demonstrations, celebrations, commemorations
Leafleteering
Petitions
Pledges signed by individuals
Policy resolutions of organizations
Speeches at organization meetings and conventions
Community forums
Speaker tours, teach-ins
Educational activities within different networks, such as
religious, racial/ethnic, professional, civic, and others
Policy resolutions of local and state legislative bodies
Local and state referendums

V. Network Working Groups and Campaigns

The Nuclear Abolition Network will function in several ways simultaneously.

■ Working groups on particular tasks and tactics, such as

Elections

Devise and facilitate coordinated activities for the 1996 election and thereafter

Lobbying

Executive Branch and Congress in Washington, D.C. (should tie into existing coalitions, such as Monday Lobby and others, but special joint activities for nuclear abolition if appropriate)

International bodies in New York, Geneva, and elsewhere

Education and media

Devise and facilitate a joint campaign working through media and educational networks of participating organizations

Special events, such as

Hiroshima/Nagasaki commemoration

CTB signing celebration

Other special days

Direct action

Joint activities within religious community

Communication among network members

Computer-based

Fax

U.S. mail

Phone tree

These tactics will be applied generically and in specific campaigns.

■ *Campaigns for specific treaties and agreements, such as*

CTB

START III

Zero alert

Nuclear Weapons Abolition Convention

Preserving ABM Treaty

NPT 1997 Review Conference

Closing nuclear weapons laboratories and test sites

World Court

Campaigns will relate to and apply tactics of task groups.

Working groups and Campaigns will be open to representatives of all participating organizations and to concerned individuals who want to be involved. One or more organizations will take the lead in convening and providing logistical support to particular working groups and campaigns.

Each working group and campaign will draw up a mission statement, including goals and objectives, strategies and tactics, that will be circulated to all participating organizations in the U.S. Nuclear Abolition Network to keep them informed. If there appears to be duplication of effort, this will be sorted out at Network meetings.

VI. Network Cooperation and Coordination

The U.S. Nuclear Abolition Network through periodic meetings and continuous communication will:

Tie together working groups and specific campaigns.

Develop common themes and strategies.

Circulate the Abolition 2000 Statement (from international network) and

our own Vision Statement, which each participating organization will choose whether to sign.

Develop and circulate policy recommendations and sign-on letters, which

participating organizations will choose whether to sign.

Maintain ties with international network.

Each participating organization will choose whether to co-sponsor particular events rather than having them sponsored by the Nuclear Abolition Network as a whole.

The agenda of Network meetings will consist of (a) review of activities of working groups and campaigns and (b) consideration of overall campaign strategies and tactics. An Organizing [Agenda] [Steering] Committee will develop a specific agenda for each meeting. Rotating chairs will serve as

meeting facilitators, sometimes more than one per meeting.

The Network will receive assistance in communication facilitation from the Peace Action Education Fund.

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**GETTING THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY INVOLVED
IN THE U.S. NUCLEAR ABOLITION CAMPAIGN**

*A Progress Report by
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February 7, 1996

Since last summer a serious effort has been underway to mount a vigorous nuclear abolition campaign in the United States, involving many organizations and connected to an international campaign. Organizing meetings on September 18 and November 18, 1995 and February 3, 1996 have led to creation of a U.S. Nuclear Abolition Network, perceived as a means for diverse organizations to communicate with one another and work together in seeking the goal of abolishing all nuclear weapons on Earth.

In this same period I have been working to get the U.S. religious community to work together for nuclear abolition and to tie into the broader Nuclear Abolition Network. I have done this as a part-time, unpaid volunteer through my position as chair of the Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice, a national association of laity and clergy.

After several months of face-to-face conversations and phone calls with a number of people in the religious community, toward the end of

November I proposed a set of activities for religious leaders and religious organizations to undertake (copy attached), including:

- Update denominational policy resolutions to make explicit a commitment to nuclear abolition.
- Get denominational leaders and others to sign a Citizen's Pledge (attached) promising to take action to work for nuclear abolition.
- Join the Nuclear Abolition Network (several levels of commitment suggested).
- Have prominent denominational leaders join together in "speaking truth to power" by calling on top political and military leaders to make the case for nuclear abolition.
- Join together in educational activities and other kinds of action.

I circulated these ideas to denominational staff and leaders of peace fellowships related to various denominations.

As follow-up, I am seeking commitment from heads of communion and other prominent denominational leaders to sign the Citizen's Pledge and am working out arrangements for further circulation of the Pledge to bishops and area executives in non-episcopal denominations in order to show widespread support among religious leaders for nuclear abolition. I am also asking heads of communion to be willing to participate in meetings with top political and military officials in Washington to press the case for nuclear abolition. Such meetings would be set up with the cooperation of denominational staff.

In October I had an opportunity to make a trial run by seeking signatures for a sign-on letter to Russian President Boris Yeltsin, urging him to support zero threshold in negotiations for a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (letter attached).

At this date I can report the following results of my activities to get the U.S. religious community involved in the nuclear abolition campaign. This effort is still in progress.

Catholic

My principal contacts are Gerard Powers, foreign policy advisor, U.S. Catholic Conference, and Nancy Small, executive director, and David Robinson, disarmament coordinator, Pax Christi USA. Powers indicates that the U.S. Catholic bishops have a strong interest in working for nuclear disarmament. He got Bishop Daniel P. Reilly, chairman, International Policy Committee, to sign the Yeltsin letter and believes that Bishop Reilly would be willing to join other denominational leaders in meetings with top U.S. officials. Pax Christi is starting an effort to get Catholic bishops to sign the Citizen's Pledge, starting with Bishop Walter Sullivan, president, Pax Christi USA, and Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, former president. Powers believes that Bishop Reilly might be an initial signer if heads of major Protestant communions also sign.

Protestant

In the Protestant community I have started with the larger denominations which have legislative offices in Washington, D.C. They all have official policy statements favoring elimination of nuclear weapons.

American Baptist Churches in the USA. I am working with Daniel Buttrey, director, Peace Program at national office in Valley Forge, Pa., and Rev. Robert Tiller, director, Washington Office. Dr. Daniel Weiss, general secretary, signed the Yeltsin letter and is likely to sign the Citizen's Pledge.

Buttrey and Tiller are both interested in being in touch with the Nuclear

Abolition Network. I am also in contact with Glenda Fontenot, president, and Ken Sehested, executive director, Baptist Peace Fellowship, which involves persons from several Baptist denominations. Their Board of Directors will consider participation in the Nuclear Abolition Network when they meet towards the end of February.

Episcopal Church. Presiding Bishop Edmund L. Browning signed the Yeltsin letter and an effort is underway to get him to sign the Citizen's Pledge. My main contact at headquarters in New York, Rev. Brian J. Grieves, peace and justice officer, is on a four month sabbatical through April, and the person picking up this issue has been out of the country. Mary H. Miller, executive secretary, Episcopal Peace Fellowship, is enthusiastic for the nuclear abolition campaign and has gained endorsement from her Executive Committee. She is helping to reach Bishop Browning and will support the campaign in other ways.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. My main contact is Mark Brown of the Lutheran Office for Governmental Affairs in Washington. Through him Bishop Herbert W. Chilstrom, head of communion, signed the Yeltsin letter last October. Since then a new bishop has taken office, Dr. J. George Anderson. Before asking him to sign the Citizen's Pledge, Brown wants to be assured that other heads of communion are signing. As others sign, likely Bishop Anderson will, too, because last August the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America adopted a social statement, "For Peace in God's World", that gave priority to "efforts that move toward the elimination of nuclear weapons."

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Rev. James Andrews, stated clerk (head of communion), signed the Yeltsin letter. My contacts have been Rich Kilmer, who headed the Peacemaking Program at headquarters in

Louisville, and Barbara Green in the Washington office. In early January Kilmer resigned to move to a job with the National Council of Churches. Sara Lisherness has taken over responsibility for activities related to nuclear abolition. There has been some lapse during the transitional period, but likely Rev. Andrews will become a signer of the Citizen's Pledge. In addition, the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship is interested in participating in the Nuclear Abolition Network. My contact there is Meta Ukena, executive vice president.

United Church of Christ. Although the United Church of Christ is a natural ally for efforts to achieve nuclear abolition, the denomination does not now have a staff person working on this issue at its Washington office or at headquarters in Cleveland. I am in touch with Rev. Jay Lintner, head of the Washington office, but he was out during much of January due to illness. Likely Dr. Paul H. Sherry, president, United Church of Christ, will become a signer of the Citizen's Pledge.

United Methodist Church. Bishop Melvin G. Talbert, secretary, Council of Bishops (a position considered to be "head of communion") has signed the Citizen's Pledge, both for that office and as president, National Council of Churches. Bishop C. Dale White, who chaired the Council of Bishop committee that drew up *In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace*, is solidly behind the nuclear abolition campaign. Although he is now retired, other bishops still look to him for leadership on this issue. He signed the Yeltsin letter and has signed the Citizen's Pledge. Robin Ringler, Peace with Justice Program, General Board of Church and Society, and Mia Adjali, Women's Division office at the United Nations, are supporting the nuclear abolition campaign. My own organization, Methodists United for Peace with Justice, has nuclear abolition as a central focus and will circulate the Citizen's Pledge among United Methodist bishops. Also, we

have proposed a resolution on "Nuclear Abolition" to the United Methodist General Conference, which is hold its quadrennial meeting in Denver in April. The Methodist Peace Fellowship is also supportive.

Still ahead. When I have time and resources, I want to reach out to other Protestant denominations: black churches including three Methodist denominations with which I have contact (African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church) and three Baptist denominations (National Baptist Convention, USA, National Baptist Convention in America, and Progress National Baptist Convention; other members of the National Council of Churches, such as Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Reformed Church in America; and evangelical churches. For the latter, contacts include Evangelicals for Social Action, chaired by Dr. Ron Sider (a signer of the Yeltsin letter) and Rev. Jim Wallis of

Sojourners, who has launched a Cry for Renewal movement involving this segment of the religious community.

Peace Churches

Three historic peace churches are another important part of the religious community committed to nuclear disarmament.

Church of the Brethren. Timothy A. McElwee, director, Washington office, signed the Yeltsin letter. I am working through his office to get General Secretary Donald E. Miller to sign the Citizen's Pledge.

Friends. Joe Volk, executive secretary, Friends Committee on National Legislation, signed the Yeltsin letter. Representatives from the

American Friends Service Committee have participated in all the organizing meetings of the U.S. Nuclear Abolition Network. Bruce Birchard, general secretary, Friends General Conference, is willing to sign the Citizen's Pledge.

I have requested Johan Maurer, general secretary, United Friends Meeting, to sign. I am seeking a contact with Evangelical Friends International, the third and most conservative of the Friends groupings in the United States.

Mennonite. *Rev. John A. Lapp, executive secretary, Mennonite Central Committee, signed the Yeltsin letter and is signing the Citizen's Pledge. My contact is through Daryl Byler, head of the Washington office.*

Combined. *About fifteen years ago these three peace churches joined together in a New Call to Peacemaking for education and witness. I have talked with John Stoner, staff director, who seems supportive. It has been suggested that New Call to Peacemaking would be the best unit to circulate the Citizen's Pledge to yearly meetings of Friends for their support.*

Ecumenical

National Council of Churches. *As noted, Bishop Melvin G. Talbert signed the Citizen's Pledge as president, National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. as well as secretary, United Methodist Council of Bishops. After several more heads of communion have signed the Pledge, I will invite Dr. Joan Brown Campbell, general secretary, National Council of Churches, to become a signer. Later it would be appropriate to ask the National Council of Churches as a whole to adopt a policy resolution favoring nuclear abolition.*

Fellowship of Reconciliation. *Clayton Ramey, disarmament coordinator for this pacifist organization, has participated in the organizing*

meetings of the Nuclear Abolition Network. Denominational peace fellowships, including Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, Jewish, and Buddhist, are affiliated with FOR. I am working closely with Ramey to reach out to these units and to cooperate in other ways. As an African American, he has ideas for reaching out to that segment of the religious community, and as a Muslim, he may be able to bring in persons from the Islamic community.

Unitarian Universalist

Dr. John A. Buehrens, president, Unitarian Universalist Association, signed the Yeltsin letter. My main contact is Robert Alpern, now retired from being director of the Washington office, but still carrying the disarmament portfolio as a volunteer. He believes that Dr. Buehrens would sign the Citizen's Pledge.

Jewish

I have just begun making contacts in the Jewish community. I have written to Rabbi David Saperstein, head of Religious Action Center, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, but have not yet had a direct conversation with him. I have talked with Dr. Arthur Waskow of the Shalom Center in Wyncote, Pa., who is a long time advocate of nuclear abolition. He remains supportive of the goal but lacks staff to work on this issue at this time. At the recent meeting of the U.S. Nuclear Abolition Network I was provided other leads in the Jewish community.

Next Steps

During April I hope to get enough signatures from heads of communion to the Citizen's Pledge to start getting it circulated, with their names and the Nobel Peace laureates who have already signed, to bishops and other denominational area executives. In some denominations this can be done from headquarters, but in other denominations an outside group will take on this task. By end of March there should be a substantial number of signers. By then we will be trying to arrange meetings between heads of communion and top governmental officials to make the case for nuclear abolition. As they do, they will be able to offer the list of signers of the Citizen's Pledge to show widespread support.

Simultaneously I am urging denominational offices and peace fellowships to participate in the U.S. Nuclear Abolition Network in order to be involved in this broader movement as well as doing things together within the religious community.

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A Nuclear Abolition Campaign is getting underway in the United States, linked with an international campaign. We are encouraging religious denominations and peace fellowships to work together for this cause.

As an initial step we are circulating the attached Citizen's Pledge on nuclear abolition among top religious leaders in the United States. We have started with heads of communion and other denominational leaders known for their work for nuclear disarmament. Next we will work with denominational offices and peace fellowships to gain signatures from bishops and area executives of the various denominations.

Status of Pledge signing is as follows:

Signed

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Bishop C. Dale White, United Methodist Church, though now retired, still looked to among United Methodists as foremost authority on this issue

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Pending (all are likely to sign)

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Outreach initiated

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Other contacts in Jewish community

Scheduled for March

Circulation of Citizen's Pledge with initial religious leader signers listed to bishops and area executives of all denominations whose head has signed.

Outreach to heads of communion or key top leaders of other denominations, including:

*National Baptist Convention, USA
National Baptist Convention in America
Progressive National Baptist Convention
African Methodist Episcopal Church
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Reformed Church in America*

Then circulation of Pledge to bishops and area executives of these denominations.

Outreach to leaders of evangelical churches beyond denominational structure.

Use of pledge signers list

Presentation at meetings with top officials at Pentagon and White House, congressional leaders, and presidential candidates to show widespread support for nuclear abolition.

Release to the media.

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MOBILIZING RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY ON NUCLEAR ABOLITION

Status Report by Howard W. Hallman

A campaign for nuclear abolition is getting underway in the United States, linked with an international campaign. As part of this effort, I am encouraging religious denominations and peace fellowships to work together on this issue. Specifically I have proposed several actions that religious organizations can undertake, as follows:

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- *Get denominational leaders and others to sign a Citizen's Pledge promising to take action to work for nuclear abolition.*
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Then circulation of Pledge to bishops and area executives of these denominations.

Outreach to leaders of evangelical churches beyond denominational structure.

Uses of Pledge Signers List

Presentation at meetings with top officials at Pentagon and White House, congressional leaders, and presidential candidates to show widespread support for nuclear abolition.

Release to the media.

For further information contact:

Howard W. Hallman

Voice/fax: 301 620-0232

February 29, 1996

METHODISTS UNITED

for Peace with Justice

1500 16th Street, NW

Washington, DC 20036

Voice/fax: 301 620-0232

U.S. NUCLEAR ABOLITION NETWORK

A campaign for nuclear abolition is getting underway in the United States, linked with an international campaign. It derives from the NGO Abolition Caucus which met in New York during the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Conference in April and May 1995. The policy goals for this campaign are set forth in a statement entitled "Abolition 2000", which specifies eleven measures for nation-states to adopt and implement (see pp. 3-4).

After three organizing meetings a U.S. Nuclear Abolition Network has formed, bringing together a wide range of organizations. Howard W. Hallman, chair of Methodists United for Peace with Justice, has taken initiative to obtain participation of religious organizations in this Network. Specifically he has proposed several actions that religious organizations can undertake, as follows:

- *Update denominational policy resolutions to make explicit a commitment to nuclear abolition. (As a step in this direction, Methodists United for Peace with Justice has proposed a resolution on "Nuclear Abolition" to the 1996 United Methodist General Conference.)*

- *Get denominational leaders and others to sign a Citizen's Pledge (see next page), promising to take action to work for nuclear abolition.*
- *Have prominent denominational leaders join together in "speaking to truth power" by calling on top political and military leaders to make the case for nuclear abolition.*
- *Work together as religious organizations in educational activities and other kinds of action.*
- *Participate in the U.S. Nuclear Abolition Network, thereby linking up with other organizations working on this issue.*

For further information on how you can participate in the Nuclear Abolition Network, contact Howard Hallman at the above address and phone/fax.

March 6, 1996

U.S. Religious Leaders Signing Citizen's Pledge on Nuclear Weapons Abolition

*Bruce Birchard, General Secretary
Friends General Conference*

*The Most Rev. Thomas J. Gumbleton
Auxiliary Bishop, Detroit Catholic
Archdiocese*

*Norval Hadley, Executive Director
Evangelical Friends Mission*

*John A. Lapp, Executive Director
Mennonite Central Committee*

*Johan Maurer, General Secretary
Friends United Meeting*

*The Rev. Dr. Donald E. Miller,
General
Secretary, Church of the Brethren*

*The Most Rev. Walter F. Sullivan
Bishop, Richmond Catholic Dioceses
President, Pax Christi USA*

*Bishop Melvin G. Talbert, Secretary
United Methodist Council of Bishops;
President, National Council of
Churches*

*The Rev. Dr. Daniel Weiss, General
Secretary, American Baptist
Churches*

*Bishop C. Dale White
United Methodist Church*

Other signers are invited.

CITIZEN'S PLEDGE FOR NUCLEAR ABOLITION

___ Yes, I will join Nobel laureates and religious leaders in signing the Citizen's Pledge to seek the abolition of all nuclear weapons in the world. My name may be listed among the signers in further circulation and publicity for the Citizen's Pledge.

Signature _____ Date _____

Name (with preferred title) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Send reply to: Nuclear Abolition Pledge
1500 16th Street, NW,
Washington, DC 20036

Fax: 301 620-0232

METHODISTS UNITED

for Peace with Justice

*1500 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036*

A Nuclear Abolition Campaign is getting underway in the United States, linked with an international campaign. We are encouraging religious denominations and peace fellowships to work together for this cause.

As an initial step we are circulating the attached Citizen's Pledge on nuclear abolition among top religious leaders in the United States. We have started with heads of communion and other denominational leaders known for their work for nuclear disarmament. Next we will work with denominational offices and peace fellowships to gain signatures from bishops and area executives of the various denominations.

Status of Pledge signing is as follows:

Signed

Bishop Melvin G. Talbert, Secretary, United Methodist Council of Bishops, (in ecumenical matters "head of communion") and also signing as President, National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

Bishop C. Dale White, United Methodist Church, though now retired, still looked to among United Methodists as foremost authority on this issue

The Rev. Dr. Daniel Weiss, General Secretary, American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A.

The Most Rev. Walter F. Sullivan, Bishop, Richmond Catholic Diocese, and President, Pax Christi USA

The Most Rev. Thomas J. Gumbleton, Auxiliary Bishop, Detroit Catholic Archdiocese, and former president, Pax Christi USA

The Rev. Dr. Donald E. Miller, General Secretary, Church of the Brethren

Bruce Birchard, General Secretary, Friends General Conference

Johan Maurer, General Secretary, Friends United Meeting

Norval Hadley, Executive Director, Evangelical Friends Mission

John A. Lapp, Executive Director, Mennonite Central Committee

Invited to sign (decision pending)

The Most Rev. Daniel P. Reilly, Chairman, International Policy Committee, U.S. Catholic Conference

The Most Rev. Edmond L. Browning, Presiding Bishop, Episcopal Church USA

The Rev. Dr. H. George Anderson, Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The Rev. James Andrews, Stated Clerk, Presbyterian Church (USA)

The Rev. Dr. John A. Buehrens, President, Unitarian Universalist Association

The Rev. Dr. Paul H. Sherry, President, United Church of Christ

Outreach initiated

Rabbi David Saperstein, Director, Religious Action Center, Union of American

Hebrew Congregations

Other contacts in Jewish community

Scheduled for Further Outreach

Circulation of Citizen's Pledge with initial religious leader signers listed to bishops and area executives of all denominations whose head has signed.

Outreach to heads of communion or key top leaders of other denominations, including:

*National Baptist Convention, USA
National Baptist Convention in America
Progressive National Baptist Convention
African Methodist Episcopal Church
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Reformed Church in America*

Then circulation of Pledge to bishops and area executives of these denominations.

Outreach to leaders of evangelical churches beyond denominational structure.

Use of pledge signers list

Presentation at meetings with top officials at Pentagon and White House, congressional leaders, and presidential candidates to show widespread support for nuclear abolition.

Release to the media.

*For further information contact:
Howard W. Hallman*

Voice/fax: 301 620-0232

March 21, 1996

FAX MESSAGE

January 22, 1996

To: Bishop Roy I. Sano

Fax: 818 568-7377

No. of pages:

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From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Dear Bishop Sano:

Methodists United for Peace with Justice is joining with a number of religious and secular organizations to launch a nuclear abolition campaign in the United States, linked with a global campaign. One activity is seeking signatures to the attached Citizen's Pledge to support and work for nuclear abolition. Twenty-eight Nobel laureates are among the thousands of people who have already signed the Pledge.

Working with other religious organizations, we are inviting top religious leaders in the United States to sign the Citizen's Pledge. First, we are asking heads of communion and other top denominational leaders to sign. Then with these names listed the Pledge will be circulated to all bishops and equivalent area leaders in non-episcopal denominations.

Would you sign the Citizen's Pledge as president of the United Methodist Council of Bishops? We are also asking Bishop Melvin G. Talbert to sign as secretary of the Council of Bishops and president of the National Council of Churches. Bishop C. Dale White, recognized as the leading United Methodist bishop on nuclear disarmament, has already signed.

Our colleagues in other denominations are seeking signatures from heads of communion of American Baptist Churches, Episcopal Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Presbyterian Church (USA), United Church of Christ; also leading Catholic bishops on international policy and top leaders of historic peace churches. Subsequently we will reach out to other denominations, including those in the Methodist family.

For your convenience a pledge form is attached. You may fax your reply to 301 620-0232 or mail it to the above address. If you have any questions, please call me.

With best regards,

March 20, 1996

Mr. William E. Hoehn III
W. Alton Jones Foundation
232 East High Street
Charlottesville, VA 22902-5178

Dear Bill:

I appreciate the opportunity to talk with you about approaches to mobilizing the U.S. religious community to work together for nuclear abolition. As follow up to our discussion, I intend to put together more information on grassroots networks of denominations and peace fellowships.

In our conversation I neglected saying that my wife is retiring from full-time ministry at the end of June. We will then be back in Bethesda full time, and I'll be working out of an office in our home. Currently I attend meetings of the Monday Lobby and keep other appointments in Washington, but I will then be able to participate in a wider range of activities in D.C.

Regardless of where I'm based, I'll maintain contact with people at denominational headquarters in other cities. With grant funds I will be able to augment this through computer networking.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors

FAX MESSAGE

March 21, 1996

To: David Radcliffe, Director of Peace Ministries
Church of the Brethren

Fax: 847 742-6103

No. of pages: 4

From: Howard W. Hallman

Dear Mr. Radcliffe:

As I said in our telephone conversation, a Nuclear Abolition Network is in the process of formation, and I am working to involve the religious community in this effort. I have talked with Timothy McElwee of your Washington Office, and Josh Warner from his staff attended a meeting of the Nuclear Abolition Network in Philadelphia in February.

As one step, I am circulating the attached Citizen's Pledge and seeking signatures from heads of communion. Then the Pledge will be given wider circulation within the religious community to obtain more signers.

Would Rev. Donald Miller be willing to join other heads of

communion in signing this pledge? The attached list indicates those who have signed thus for and those with decision pending.

If you have any questions, please call me at 301 620-0232, or on Friday at 301 897-3668.

With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors*

FAX MESSAGE

March 21, 1996

To: Rev. Jay Lintner
UCC Office for Church in Society

Fax: 202 543-5994

No. of pages: 4

From: Howard W. Hallman

Dear Jay:

As I have previously discussed with you, I am circulating the attached Citizen's Pledge on Nuclear Weapons Abolition and am seeking signatures from heads of religious communions. Then the Pledge will be given wider circulation within the religious community to obtain more signers.

We have a number of initial signers and others are pending, as indicated in the attached listing. We would still like to have Dr. H. Paul Sherry sign this Pledge. Can you facilitate this?

If you have any questions, please call me at 301 620-0232, or on Friday at 301 897-3668.

With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors*

March 21, 1996

The Rev. James E. Andrews, Stated Clerk
Presbyterian Church (USA)
100 Witherspoon Street
Louisville, KY 40202

An effort is underway to mount a Nuclear Abolition Campaign in the United States, connected to an global campaign. I believe that religious organizations should associate with these efforts but also play a distinctive role as a faith community. I'm doing what I can to form linkages for this purpose.

With that in mind, I've developed the enclosed set of ideas on

"How Religious
Organizations Can Work
Together for Nuclear
Abolition". Action
suggestions include:

- Update denominational policy resolutions to make explicit a commitment to nuclear abolition.
- Get denominational leaders and others to sign a Citizen's Pledge (attached), promising to take action to work for nuclear abolition.
- Join the Nuclear Abolition Network (several levels of

commitment are suggested).

- *Have prominent denominational leaders join together in "speaking truth to power" by calling on top political and military leaders to make the case for nuclear abolition.*
- *Join together in educational activities and other kinds of action.*

I've shared these ideas with the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and with the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship.

Would you be willing to join other heads of communion in signing the Citizen's Pledge for Nuclear Weapons Abolition? As the enclosed memo indicates, a number have already signed, and decisions are pending with others. Next we hope to get bishops and area executives of non-episcopal denominations to sign. These names would then be presented to top governmental officials and released to the media to show widespread support for nuclear abolition.

If you have any questions about my request and about the Nuclear Abolition Campaign, I would be glad to talk on the phone with you or one of your staff.

With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors*

March 26, 1996

Mr. David Robinson
Pax Christi USA
814 E. 10th Street
Erie, PA 16503

Dear David:

As you know, for the past several months I have been exploring ways in which we in the religious community can work together for nuclear abolition. I see this as part of a broader movement, now coming together as the U.S. Nuclear Abolition Network, which in turn is related to an international network.

As a starter, I have been circulating the Citizen's Pledge to work for nuclear abolition to top religious leaders with the intent of gaining an increasing number of signatures. This effort is progressing slowly and will continue.

Now I am starting to give more attention to how we can work together in outreach to our grassroots networks. As I see it, the goal of nuclear abolition has many intermediate steps, such as attaining a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, START II implementation, United States and Russia negotiating and implementing START III, global zero alert by removing warheads from missiles, universal observance of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, beginning of negotiations for a nu-

clear weapons convention, safeguarding fissile material, cleaning up environmental damage from nuclear weapons facilities. All of these steps require action by government. For this to happen, there needs to be persistent public pressure on governmental officials. This means continuous citizen education and encouragement to act.

So I you, is Pax Christi USA interested in working with others in the religious community, including denominational offices and peace fellowships, for nuclear abolition? For example, we could collaborate in producing educational material. We might be able to tie into existing computer networks or initiate something new. We could join with secular organizations in candidate bird-dogging and other grassroots activities.

I realize that we all have many other important issues on our agenda. But nuclear weapons and their inherent danger won't go away unless enough us insist that they be abolished. Beyond matters of safety is the waste of resources. For example, the United States alone is spending \$27 billion a year for its nuclear arsenal, money that could be better spent elsewhere.

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Therefore, I would like to hear from you in writing or by phone your views on working together in a steady effort of grassroots education and action for nuclear abolition.

If you think there are possibilities, I would be interested in learning more about the nature of your grassroots network. Who do you reach? What communication vehicles do you use? What are your ideas for taking advantage of electronic communication? What kind of material do you now have related to nuclear abolition? What material do you think would be useful to have? What other ideas do you have on how we can work on together?

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

Chair, Board of Directors

March 26, 1996

Mr. Mark Brown
Lutheran Office of Governmental Affairs
122 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mark:

As you know, for the past several months I have been exploring ways in which we in the religious community can work together for nuclear abolition. I see this as part of a broader movement, now coming together as the U.S. Nuclear Abolition Network, which in turn is related to an international network.

As a starter, I have been circulating the Citizen's Pledge to work for nuclear abolition to top religious leaders with the intent of gaining an increasing number of signatures. This effort is progressing slowly and will continue. I hope that Dr. Anderson will join the list of signers.

Now I am starting to give more attention to how we can work together in outreach to our grassroots networks. As I see it, the goal of nuclear abolition has many intermediate steps, such as attaining a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, START II implementation, United States and Russia negotiating and implementing START III, global zero alert by removing warheads from missiles, universal observance of the

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So I ask you, would one or more offices of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America be interested in working with others in the religious community, including denominational offices and peace fellowships, for nuclear abolition? For example, we could collaborate in producing educational material. We might be able to tie into existing computer networks or initiate something new. We could join with secular organizations in candidate bird-dogging and other grassroots activities.

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With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

Chair, Board of Directors

March 26, 1996

John Stoner
New Call to Peacemaking
P.O. Box 500
Akron, PA 17501

Dear John:

We are progressing steadily in our effort to get top religious leaders to sign the Citizen's Pledge to work for nuclear abolition. As the attached list shows, signers to date include representatives of three branches of Friends, Church of the Brethren, and the Mennonites.

Soon my organization will be circulating the pledge to all active United Methodist bishops with an invitation to sign. First, though, I want to have commitments from a couple of other mainline Protestant denominations. Then I will encourage circulation to bishops and area executives of other Protestant denominations and to Catholic bishops. Johan Maurer suggested that New Call to Peacemaking might be an appropriate route to circulate the Pledge among Friends meetings to get signatures of clerks or superintendents. Would this be a possibility?

With this step underway, I am now giving more attention to how we in the religious community can work together for

nuclear abolition in outreach to our grassroots networks. As I see it, the goal of nuclear abolition has many intermediate steps, such as attaining a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, START II implementation, United States and Russia negotiating and implementing START III, global zero alert by removing warheads from missiles, universal observance of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, beginning of negotiations for a nuclear weapons convention, safeguarding fissile material, cleaning up environmental damage from nuclear weapons facilities. All of these steps require action by government. For this to happen, there needs to be persistent public pressure on governmental officials. This means continuous citizen education and encouragement to act.

So I ask you, is New Call to Peacemaking interested in working with others in the religious community, including denominational offices and peace fellowships, for nuclear abolition? For example, we could collaborate in producing educational material. We might be able to tie into existing computer networks or initiate something new. We could join with secular organizations in candidate bird-dogging and other grassroots activities.

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Therefore, I would like to learn in writing or by phone your views on working together in a steady effort of grassroots education and action for nuclear abolition.

If you think there are possibilities, I would be interested in learning more about the nature of your grassroots network. Who do you reach? What communication vehicles do you use? What are your ideas for taking advantage of electronic communication? What kind of material do you now have related to nuclear abolition? What material do you think would be useful to have? What other ideas do you have on how we can work on together?

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors

March 26, 1996

Ms. Robin Ringler
United Methodist General Board
of Church and Society
100 Maryland Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Robin:

As you know, for the past several months I have been exploring ways in which we in the religious community can work together for nuclear abolition. I see this as part of a broader movement, now coming together as the U.S. Nuclear Abolition Network, which in turn is related to an international network.

As a starter, I have been circulating the Citizen's Pledge to work for nuclear abolition to top religious leaders with the intent of gaining an increasing number of signatures. This effort is progressing slowly and will continue.

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So I ask you, is your office interested in working with others in the religious community, including denominational offices and peace fellowships, for nuclear abolition? For example, we could collaborate in producing educational material. We might be able to tie into existing computer networks or initiate something new. We could join with secular organizations in candidate bird-dogging and other grassroots activities.

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Therefore, I would like to learn in writing or by phone your views on working together in a steady effort of grassroots education and action for nuclear abolition.

I have some idea of your outreach capacity, but I would be interested in learning more specifically who you reach? What communication vehicles do you use? What are your ideas for taking advantage of electronic communication? What kind of material do you now have related to nuclear abolition? What material do you think would be useful to have? What other ideas do you have on how we can work on together?

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

Chair, Board of Directors

March 26, 1996

Rev. Schuyler Rhodes
Washington Square United Methodist Church
135 4th Street
New York, NY 10012

Dear Schuyler:

As you know, for the past several months I have been exploring ways in which we in the religious community can work together for nuclear abolition. I see this as part of a broader movement, now coming together as the U.S. Nuclear Abolition Network, which in turn is related to an international network.

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So I ask you, is the Methodist Peace Fellowship interested in working with others in the religious community, including denominational offices and peace fellowships, for nuclear abolition? For example, we could collaborate in producing educational material. We might be able to tie into existing computer networks or initiate something new. We could join with secular organizations in candidate bird-dogging and other grassroots activities.

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With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

Chair, Board of Directors

March 26, 1996

Sara Lisherness
Presbyterian Peacemaking Program
100 Witherspoon Street
Louisville, KY 40202

Dear Sara:

As you know, for the past several months I have been exploring ways in which we in the religious community can work together for nuclear abolition. I see this as part of a broader movement, now coming together as the U.S. Nuclear Abolition Network, which in turn is related to an international network.

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So I ask you, is the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program interested in working with others in the religious community, including denominational offices and peace fellowships, for nuclear abolition? For example, we could collaborate in producing educational material. We might be able to tie into existing computer networks or initiate something new. We could join with secular organizations in candidate bird-dogging and other grassroots activities.

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Sara Lisherness

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With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

Chair, Board of Directors

March 26, 1996

Ms. Meta Ukena
Presbyterian Peace Fellowship
One Park Lane, #2-B
Mt. Vernon, NY 10552

Dear Meta:

As you know, for the past several months I have been exploring ways in which we in the religious community can work together for nuclear abolition. I see this as part of a broader movement, now coming together as the U.S. Nuclear Abolition Network, which in turn is related to an international network.

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I realize that we all have many other important issues on our agenda. But nuclear weapons and their inherent danger won't go away unless enough of us insist that they be abolished. Beyond matters of safety is the waste of resources. For example, the United States alone is spending \$27 billion a year for its nuclear arsenal, money that could be better spent elsewhere.

Ms. Meta Ukena

March 26, 1996

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With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

Chair, Board of Directors

March 26, 1996

Mr. Robert Alpern
316 Elm Avenue
Takoma Park, NFZ, MD 20912

Dear Bob:

As you know, for the past several months I have been exploring ways in which we in the religious community can work together for nuclear abolition. I see this as part of a broader movement, now coming together as the U.S. Nuclear Abolition Network, which in turn is related to an international network.

As a starter, I have been circulating the Citizen's Pledge to work for nuclear abolition to top religious leaders with the intent of gaining an increasing number of signatures. This effort is progressing slowly and will continue. I hope that Dr. Buehrens will join the signers.

Now I am starting to give more attention to how we can work together in outreach to our grassroots networks. As I see it, the goal of nuclear abolition has many intermediate steps, such as attaining a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, START II implementation, United States and Russia negotiating and implementing START III, global zero alert by removing warheads from missiles, universal observance of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, beginning of negotiations for a

nuclear weapons convention, safeguarding fissile material, cleaning up environmental damage from nuclear weapons facilities. All of these steps require action by government. For this to happen, there needs to be persistent public pressure on governmental officials. This means continuous citizen education and encouragement to act.

So I ask you as my main contact with Unitarian Universal Association on this issue, would a denominational unit be interested in working for nuclear abolition with others in the religious community? For example, we could collaborate in producing educational material. We might be able to tie into existing computer networks or initiate something new. We could join with secular organizations in candidate bird-dogging and other grassroots activities.

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Mr. Robert Alpern

March 26, 1996

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Therefore, I would like to learn your views on working together in a steady effort of grassroots education and action for nuclear abolition.

If you think there are possibilities, I would be interested in learning more about the nature of the Unitarian Universalist grassroots network. Who is reached? What communication vehicles are used? What are your ideas for taking advantage of electronic communication? What kind of material related to nuclear abolition are now available? What material do you think would be useful to have? What other ideas do you have on how we can work on together?

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

Chair, Board of Directors

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

1500 16th Street, NW

Washington, DC 20036

FAX TRANSMITTAL MEMO

Date: March 28, 1996

To: Reinhard Knutsen

Fax: 702 796-4886

No. of pages: 6

*From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors*

Voice/Fax: 301 620-0232

Here is a fresh copy of my draft of a statement on "Goals, Strategies, and Tactics of the U.S. Nuclear Abolition Network." I hope that it can be reviewed by those attending the gathering in Nevada next week.

January 18, 1996

Dr. Arthur Waskow
The Shalom Center
Greenwood and Church Road
Wyncote, PA 19095

Dear Arthur:

As you may be aware, a Nuclear Abolition Campaign is forming in the United States that will be part of a global campaign. I believe that religious organizations should associate with these efforts but also play a distinctive role as a faith community. With that in mind I have developed some ideas, presented in the enclosed paper.

Among my action suggestions for religious organizations are these:

- Update denominational policy resolutions to make explicit a commitment to nuclear abolition.
- Get denominational leaders and others to sign a Citizen's Pledge (attached), promising to take action to work for nuclear abolition.
- Join the Nuclear Abolition Campaign (several levels of commitment are suggested).
- Have prominent denominational leaders join together in "speaking truth to power" by calling on top political and military leaders to make the case for nuclear abolition.

- *Join together in educational activities and other kinds of action.*

Knowing of your past work for nuclear disarmament, I hope that you can become involved in the Nuclear Abolition Campaign. This effort is still in the organizing stage. The next meeting will occur on Saturday, February 3, 1996 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Philadelphia at American Friends Service Committee headquarters, 1501 Cherry Street. It is an open meeting, so please invite others who you think would be interested.

Beyond this meeting I would like to discuss with you other ways to gain full participation of the Jewish community in the quest for nuclear abolition. I'll give you a call.

With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors*

January 18, 1996

Rabbi David Saperstein
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
2027 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Rabbi Saperstein:

A Nuclear Abolition Campaign is forming in the United States that will be part of a global campaign. I believe that religious organizations should associate with these efforts but also play a distinctive role as a faith community. With that in mind I have developed some ideas, presented in the enclosed paper, which I would like to share with you.

Among my action suggestions for religious organizations are these:

- Update denominational policy resolutions to make explicit a commitment to nuclear abolition.
- Get denominational leaders and others to sign a Citizen's Pledge (attached), promising to take action to work for nuclear abolition.
- Join the Nuclear Abolition Campaign (several levels of commitment are suggested).
- Have prominent denominational leaders join together in "speaking truth to power" by calling on top political and military leaders to make the case for nuclear abolition.

- *Join together in educational activities and other kinds of action.*

I would hope that the Union of American Hebrew Congregations would consider becoming involved in the Nuclear Abolition Campaign, which is still in the organizing stage. The next meeting will occur on Saturday, February 3, 1996 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Philadelphia at American Friends Service Committee headquarters, 1501 Cherry Street. Would it be possible for a UAHC representative to attend? In case this is so, I'm having the meeting notice and agenda sent to you.

Beyond this meeting I would like to discuss with you other ways to gain full participation of the Jewish community in the quest for nuclear abolition. I'll give you a call.

With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors*

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

1500 16th Street, NW

Washington, DC 20036

FAX TRANSMITTAL MEMO

Date: January 18, 1996

To: Karina Wood

Fax: 202 862-9762

No. of pages: 3

*From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors*

Voice/Fax: 301 620-0232

Dear Karina:

Here is a list of names (some you already have) that I would like for you to send the final announcement and agenda for the February 3 meeting. If you want, you can add a note that it is sent at Howard Hallman's suggestion, or you can send it without that explanation. I've talked or written to all of them about the meeting, so they are aware of it.

If you need to talk to me late afternoon Thursday, January 18 or Friday the 19th, you can reach me in Bethesda at 301 897-3668.

January 22, 1996

Rev. Jay Lintner
United Church of Christ
110 Maryland Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Jay:

As promised, I am sending you a copy of a letter I wrote to George Crossman in December regarding the Nuclear Abolition Campaign.

Among other things we are seeking signatures from heads of communion to a Citizen's Pledge on Nuclear Abolition (attached), which has been previously signed by a number of Nobel laureates. We hope that Dr. Paul Sherry will sign.

Last October a number of heads of communion signed the attached letter to President Yeltsin, urging him to support zero testing threshold in the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. We hope they will sign the Citizen's Pledge, plus others. This time I am asking Bishop Sano and Bishop Talbert, president and secretary of the United Methodist Council of Bishops, to sign. I'll let you know in a week or so the results of this quest.

Please call me if you have any questions.

With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors*

January 29, 1996

*Mr. Reinard Knutsen
Shundahai Network
P.O. Box 51137
Washington, DC 20091*

Dear Reinard:

*I look forward to meeting with you at your office on Thursday,
February 1 at 4:00 p.m.*

*As background, I am sending you a copy of "How Religious
Organizations Can Work Together for Nuclear Abolition", which
sets forth my approach.*

With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors*

January 30, 1996

Mr. Robert Alpern
316 Elm Avenue
Takoma Park, NFZ, MD 20912

Dear Bob:

I've been sending material about the fledgling Nuclear Abolition Campaign to the Unitarian Universalist office in the Methodist building. Now I understand that you're still involved as a volunteer on such issues. Therefore, I want to share this material with you in case you haven't seen it.

Among my action suggestions for religious organizations are these:

- Update denominational policy resolutions to make explicit a commitment to nuclear abolition.
- Get denominational leaders and others to sign a Citizen's Pledge (attached), promising to take action to work for nuclear abolition.
- Join the Nuclear Abolition Campaign (several levels of commitment are suggested).
- Have prominent denominational leaders join together in "speaking to truth power" by calling on top political and military leaders to make the case for nuclear abolition.
- Join together in educational activities and other kinds of

action.

I would like to discuss these ideas with you. In the meantime I want you to know that there is a meeting of the Nuclear Abolition Network in Philadelphia on Saturday, February 3 (agenda enclosed). If you are back in the country by then and have time, maybe you can attend. Or perhaps you can find someone in Philadelphia or elsewhere to represent the Unitarian Universalist Association.

In any case I'll give you a call in a few days.

With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors*

January 31, 1996

Johan Maurer, General Secretary
Friends United Meeting
101 Quaker Hill Drive
Richmond, IN 47374-1980

Dear Johan Maurer:

An effort is underway to mount a Nuclear Abolition Campaign in the United States, connected to an global campaign. I believe that religious organizations should associate with these efforts but also play a distinctive role as a faith community. I'm doing what I can to form linkages for this purpose.

With that in mind, I've developed the enclosed set of ideas on

"How Religious
Organizations Can Work
Together for Nuclear
Abolition". Action
suggestions include:

- Update
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resolutions to make explicit
a commitment to nuclear
abolition.
- Get denominational leaders and others to sign a Citizen's
Pledge (attached), promising to take action to work for

nuclear abolition.

- Join the Nuclear Abolition Campaign (several levels of commitment are suggested).
- Have prominent denominational leaders join together in "speaking truth to power" by calling on top political and military leaders to make the case for nuclear abolition.
- Join together in educational activities and other kinds of action.

In the near future I would like to explore with you if the United Friends Meeting would like to become involved with the Nuclear Abolition Network. So far, Friends have been involved through AFSC representation at organizing meetings held in New York last September and in Philadelphia in November. A third meeting is scheduled for this Saturday, February 3 at the Friends Center in Philadelphia, hosted by AFSC.

Among other matters I would like to ask you whether a leader of the United Friends Meeting would be among the initial signers of the Citizen's Pledge. If so, who? Could the Pledge be circulated to the yearly meetings for signing by an officer as we are seeking signatures from bishops and area executives in various denominations? If we are able to put together a delegation to meet with top political and military leaders, could a leading Friend join the group? If so, who should that be?

Johan Maurer

January 31, 1996

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Recently I've had a conversation about these matters with Bruce Birchard, who I've know since he was disarmament coordinator with AFSC, and I can share his thinking with you. He also suggested that I ask your advice on the possibility of achieving involvement of the Evangelical Friends International.

I'll give you a call the week of February 5 to discuss these matters.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

Chair, Board of Directors

February 6, 1996

John Stoner
New Call to Peacemaking
728 Fulton Street
Akron, PA 17501

Dear John:

Following up our phone conversation, I am sending you a fresh copy of my ideas on how religious organizations can work together for nuclear abolition. I see this as fitting into a broader U.S. Nuclear Abolition Network, which is now forming.

Among my action suggestions for religious organizations are these:

- Update denominational policy resolutions to make explicit a commitment to nuclear abolition.
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- Join the Nuclear Abolition Network (several levels of commitment are suggested).
- Have prominent denominational leaders join together in "speaking to truth power" by calling on top political and military leaders to make the case for nuclear abolition.
- Join together in educational activities and other kinds of action.

I am in the processing of working through denominational offices and peace fellowships to get heads of communion and other top denominational leaders to sign the Citizen's Pledge. With their names and those of the Nobel prize winners who have signed, the pledge would be given wider circulation to get signatures of bishops, area executives, and others to show a broad geographic commitment of religious leaders to nuclear abolition.

*As a start I have commitments from Bishop Melvin Talbert, secretary, United Methodist Council of Bishops, and president, National Council of Churches; United Methodist Bishop C. Dale White, who chaired the committee that produced the report *In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace*; Bruce Birchard, general secretary, Friends General Conference; John A. Lapp, executive secretary, Mennonite Central Committee; Roman Catholic Bishop Walter Sullivan and Bishop Thomas Gumbleton. In the works are signing by heads of the American Baptist Church, Church of the Brethren, Episcopal Church, Evangelical Lutheran*

John Stoner

February 6, 1996

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Church in America, Presbyterian Church, United Church of Christ, and Unitarian Universalist Association. I will continue reaching out to bring in leadership from African American denominations and evangelical churches.

I've talked to Bruce Birchard and Johan Maurer about circulating the pledge to Friends yearly meetings at the time it goes to bishops of episcopal-type denominations. Johan wondered whether this is something that the New Call to Peacemaking might undertake. It could go with the signatures of the Nobel prize winners and top leaders of various denominations. Bruce has expressed a willingness to sign, and perhaps Johan would, too, at that stage.

Thus, I would like to have a second conversation about this and other aspects of the nuclear abolition campaign.

With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors*

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

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Washington, DC 20036

FAX TRANSMITTAL MEMO

Date: February 7, 1996

*To: Daryl Kimball
Physicians for Social Responsibility*

Fax: 202 898-0172

No. of pages: 6

*From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors*

Voice/Fax: 301 620-0232

Dear Daryl:

As I was saying in our brief telephone conversation, I believe that the U.S. Nuclear Abolition Network is making considerable progress. However, the nature our meetings with a changing cast of participants makes it difficult to work out a coherent set of goals and strategies. We are better at considering specific events and work tasks.

To assist in sharpening our focus on goals and strategies, I have developed

the attached draft, which draws upon minutes of our three meetings, the NGO Abolition Caucus statement, and various handouts, including yours from the November meeting.

I know that you are a good conceptualizer and seem to have a good grasp of goals and strategies. Therefore, I would like your comments on my draft before I take it any farther.

My inclination is to revise it, as appropriate, and then circulate it to others involved in the Nuclear Abolition Network as a means of working toward a clearer consensus on goals and strategies.

After you have reviewed this draft, please give me a call in Frederick on Monday to Thursday at 1-301 620-0232 or on Friday in Bethesda at 301 897-3668.

February 7, 1996

Mr. George Perkovich
W. Alton Jones Foundation
232 High Street
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Dear Mr. Perkovich:

As you consider our request for a two year grant of \$100,000 in support of an effort to mobilize the U.S. religious community to work together for nuclear abolition, I would like to provide you with the enclosed progress report of what I have done since writing to you on December 14, 1995.

I am working simultaneously at two levels. First, I am seeking to get commitments from top denominational leaders, their peace and justice offices, and independent peace fellowships to work together for nuclear abolition. This is spelled out in the progress report. Second, I am participating in efforts to get the broader U.S. Nuclear Abolition Network going and to bring the religious community into it.

I am doing this as a part-time volunteer through my position as chair of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Although I won't let it go, I do need financial support to make this effort achieve its full potential. Therefore, I hope that the W. Alton Jones Foundation will look favorably upon our request.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors*

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

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FAX TRANSMITTAL MEMO

Date: February 7, 1996

To: Jerry Powers

Fax: 202 541-3339

No. of pages: 1

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors

Voice/Fax: 301 620-0232

Dear Jerry:

We are slowly moving ahead to get heads of communion and/or other top denominational leaders to sign the Citizen's Pledge on Nuclear Abolition. Here's where we now stand.

Signed

Bishop Melvin G. Talbert, Secretary, United Methodist Council of Bishops,
(in ecumenical matters "head of communion") and also signing as
President, National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

Bishop C. Dale White, United Methodist Church, though now retired, still
looked to among United Methodists as foremost authority on this issue
Bruce Birchard, General Secretary, Friends General Conference

John A. Lapp, Executive Director, Mennonite Central Committee

Pending

*The Rev. Dr. Daniel Weiss, General Secretary, American Baptist Churches
in the U.S.A.*

The Rev. Donald E. Miller, General Secretary, Church of the Brethren

*The Most Rev. Edmund L. Browning, President Bishop, Episcopal Church
USA*

*The Rev. Dr. J. George Anderson, Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in
America*

Johan Maurer, General Secretary, Friends United Meeting

The Rev. James Andrews, Stated Clerk, Presbyterian Church (USA)

The Rev. Dr. John A. Buehrens, President, Unitarian Universalist Association

The Rev. Dr. Paul H. Sherry, President, United Church of Christ

*Pax Christi is starting to circulate the Citizen's Pledge among Catholic
bishops starting with Bishop Walter Sullivan and Bishop Thomas Gumbleton.*

*If we get the Protestant heads of communion we are expecting, I would
hope that Bishop Daniel P. Reilly could sign as Chairman, International
Policy Committee, U.S. Catholic Conference. This would round out the list
as we reach out to bishops and other area executives in various
denominations.*

I'll keep you informed.

With best regards,

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

1500 16th Street, NW

Washington, DC 20036

FAX TRANSMITTAL MEMO

Date: February 7, 1996

*To: Nancy Small, David Robinson
Pax Christi USA*

Fax: 814 452-4784

No. of pages: 1

*From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors*

Voice/Fax: 301 620-0232

I would like to bring you up to date in my effort to get heads of communion and/or other top denominational leaders to sign the Citizen's Pledge on Nuclear Abolition.

Signed

*Bishop Melvin G. Talbert, Secretary, United Methodist Council of Bishops,
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The Rev. Dr. Paul H. Sherry, President, United Church of Christ

*I believe that all or most of the pending will sign. I have given this list to
Jerry Powers with a request that he explore whether Bishop Daniel P. Reilly
could sign as Chairman, International Policy Committee, U.S. Catholic
Conference. It would be great to have one or two other top Catholic
bishops in addition to Bishop Sullivan and Bishop Gumbleton.*

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

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FAX TRANSMITTAL MEMO

Date: February 8, 1996

To: Mary H. Miller, Episcopal Peace Fellowship

Fax: 202 393-3695

No. of pages: 1

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair, Board of Directors

Voice/Fax: 301 620-0232

I would like to bring you up to date on my effort to get heads of communion and/or other top denominational leaders to sign the Citizen's Pledge on Nuclear Abolition.

Signed

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The Most Rev. Walter F. Sullivan, Bishop, Richmond Catholic Diocese, and President, Pax Christi USA

The Most Rev. Thomas J. Gumbleton, Auxiliary Bishop, Detroit Catholic

Archdiocese, and former president, Pax Christi USA
Bruce Birchard, General Secretary, Friends General Conference
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*The Rev. Dr. Daniel Weiss, General Secretary, American Baptist Churches
in the U.S.A.*

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The Rev. Dr. Paul H. Sherry, President, United Church of Christ

I'm optimistic that most or all of these persons will sign. In each of these denominations I am working with a staff unit which I hope will become involved in the U.S. Nuclear Abolition Network. Most of the denominations also have independent peace fellowships which will likely join this effort.

February 14, 1996

Norval Hadley
P.O. Box 671
Arvada, CO 80001

Dear Norval Hadley:

An effort is underway to mount a Nuclear Abolition Campaign in the United States, connected to an global campaign. I believe that religious organizations should associate with these efforts but also play a distinctive role as a faith community. I'm doing what I can to form linkages for this purpose.

With that in mind, I've developed the enclosed set of ideas on

"How Religious
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suggestions include:

- Update denominational policy resolutions to make explicit a commitment to nuclear abolition.
- Get denominational leaders and others to sign a Citizen's Pledge (attached), promising to take action to work for nuclear abolition.

- *Join the Nuclear Abolition Network (several levels of commitment are suggested).*
- *Have prominent denominational leaders join together in "speaking truth to power" by calling on top political and military leaders to make the case for nuclear abolition.*
- *Join together in educational activities and other kinds of action.*

I've had a conversation on these ideas with Johan Maurer from Friends United Meeting, John Stoner of New Call to Peacemaking and Bruce Birchard of the Friends General Conference. Each has responded positively. Johan Maurer suggest that I get in touch with you to find out whether you think persons associated with Evangelical Friends International would be interested in inter-religious activities focused on nuclear abolition. Thus, after you have had time to review my ideas, I would like to call you and discuss them with you.

With best regards,

*Howard W. Hallman
Chair, Board of Directors*

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

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FAX TRANSMITTAL MEMO

Date: February 15, 1996

To: Mark Brown, Lutheran Office of Governmental Affairs

Fax: 202 783-7502

No. of pages: 1

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair, Board of Directors

Voice/Fax: 1-301 620-0232

(Friday: 301 897-3668)

I would like to bring you up to date on my effort to get heads of communion and/or other top denominational leaders to sign the Citizen's Pledge on Nuclear Abolition.

Signed

Bishop Melvin G. Talbert, Secretary, United Methodist Council of Bishops, (in ecumenical matters "head of communion") and also signing as President, National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

Bishop C. Dale White, United Methodist Church, though now retired, still looked to among United Methodists as foremost authority on this issue

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Bruce Birchard, General Secretary, Friends General Conference

John A. Lapp, Executive Director, Mennonite Central Committee

Pending

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Johan Maurer, General Secretary, Friends United Meeting

The Rev. James Andrews, Stated Clerk, Presbyterian Church (USA)

The Rev. Dr. John A. Buehrens, President, Unitarian Universalist Association

The Rev. Dr. Paul H. Sherry, President, United Church of Christ

I'm optimistic that most or all of these persons will sign. I hope that Dr. Anderson will join them. Please give me a call, and I'll fill you in on how various religious organizations are becoming involved in the U.S. Nuclear Abolition Network.

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

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FAX TRANSMITTAL MEMO

Date: February 15, 1996

To: Sara Lisherness, Presbyterian Peacemaking Program

Fax: 800 392-5788

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair, Board of Directors

Voice/Fax: 1-301 620-0232

(Friday: 301 897-3668)

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*I'm optimistic that most or all of these persons will sign. I hope that Rev.
Andrews will join them. Please give me a call, and I'll fill you in on how
various religious organizations are becoming involved in the U.S. Nuclear
Abolition Network.*

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

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Washington, DC 20036

FAX TRANSMITTAL MEMO

Date: February 22, 1996

To: Mr. George Perkovich, W. Alton Jones Foundation

Fax: 804 295-1648

No. of pages: 3

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair, Board of Directors

Voice/Fax: 1-301 620-0232

(Fridays: 301 897-3668)

Dear Mr. Perkovich:

Just before your Board of Trustees meeting I would like to provide an update on my effort to get heads of communion and other top denominational leaders to sign the Citizen's Pledge on Nuclear Abolition (copy attached). This sets the stage for denominational offices to work on this issue.

Signed

Bishop Melvin G. Talbert, Secretary, United Methodist Council of Bishops, (in ecumenical matters "head of communion") and also signing as President, National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

Bishop C. Dale White, United Methodist Church, though now retired, still

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Archdiocese, and former president, Pax Christi USA

Bruce Birchard, General Secretary, Friends General Conference

Johan Maurer, General Secretary, Friends United Meeting

Norval Hadley, Executive Director, Evangelical Friends Mission

John A. Lapp, Executive Director, Mennonite Central Committee

Pending (all are likely to sign)

The Rev. Donald E. Miller, General Secretary, Church of the Brethren

The Most Rev. Daniel P. Reilly, Chairman, International Policy Committee,
U.S. Catholic Conference

The Most Rev. Edmond L. Browning, Presiding Bishop, Episcopal Church
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The Rev. James Andrews, Stated Clerk, Presbyterian Church (USA)

The Rev. Dr. John A. Buehrens, President, Unitarian Universalist Association

The Rev. Dr. Paul H. Sherry, President, United Church of Christ

Outreach initiated

Rabbi David Saperstein, Director, Religious Action Center, Union of American

Hebrew Congregations

Other contacts in Jewish community

Scheduled for March

Circulation of Citizen's Pledge with initial religious leader signers listed to bishops and area executives of all denominations whose head has signed.

Outreach to heads of communion or key top leaders of other denominations, including:

National Baptist Convention, USA

National Baptist Convention in America

Progressive National Baptist Convention

African Methodist Episcopal Church

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Reformed Church in America

Then circulation of Pledge to bishops and area executives of these denominations.

Outreach to leaders of evangelical churches beyond denominational structure.

Use of pledge signers list

Presentation at meetings with top officials at Pentagon and White House, congressional leaders, and presidential candidates to show widespread support for nuclear abolition.

Release to the media.

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

1500 16th Street, NW

Washington, DC 20036

FAX TRANSMITTAL MEMO

Date: March 5, 1996

*To: Johan Maurer, General Secretary
Friends United Meeting*

Fax: 317 966-1293

No. of pages: 2

*From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors*

Voice/Fax: 301 620-0232

Dear Johan:

This is to confirm our phone conversation in which you indicated a willingness to sign the Citizen's Pledge on nuclear abolition as an individual but identified as General Secretary, Friends United Meeting.

For my record I would appreciate acknowledgement by fax or mail.

With best regards,

March 5, 1996

To: *Colleagues in U.S. Nuclear Abolition Network*

From: *Howard W. Hallman*

In the course of the three meetings we have held to launch a nuclear abolition campaign in the United States, we have made considerable progress in achieving a verbal consensus on overall goals and action techniques. It seems to me that it would be useful to put this consensus in writing in a systematic statement of "Goals, Strategies, and Tactics".

As a step in this direction, I have written the enclosed draft. It draws upon the Statement of the NGO Abolition Caucus, minutes of our three meetings, material handed out at those meetings, and my notes. I would like to receive your comments on this draft, including suggestions for changes, additions, and deletions. I will then prepare a revision which can be considered when people from the Nuclear Abolition Network meet in Nevada in April.

I won't be able to attend that gathering because it falls during Holy Week, but I'm willing to complete a revised statement of "Goals, Strategies, and Tactics" for consideration by those who attend. So please provide your comments by phone, fax, or

mail.

With best regards,

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