

Biographical Sketches of Speakers for the March 8 News Conference on A Moral Appeal for a Safer World without Nuclear Weapons

Dr. Bob Edgar is general secretary of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, the leading U.S. organization in the movement for Christian unity. Thirty-six Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox member communions, with 140,000 local congregations and approximately 50 million congregants, work together in the Council to promote unity and to serve churches and people worldwide. An ordained elder in the United Methodist Church, Dr. Edgar came to the Council in 2000 from Claremont Theological School, Claremont, Calif., where he was president from 1990 - 2000. He served six terms in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1975 to 1987, representing the Seventh District in Pennsylvania adjacent to Philadelphia.

Marie Dennis is the director of the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns. She is a laywoman and mother of six adult children, and has worked for Maryknoll since 1989. Her areas of focus in the office are Latin America and the global economy, particularly debt. She has written a number of books, including *St. Francis and the Foolishness of God* and *Oscar Romero: Reflections on His Life and Writings*. She currently serves on the executive committee of Pax Christi International and as an Ambassador of Peace for Pax Christi USA. Marie is a member of the Assisi Community in Washington, D.C.

Helen Caldicott, M.D. recently founded the Nuclear Policy Research Institute, a non-profit education and research organization. Caldicott also founded Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR), which shared the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize with International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War. She served as president of PSR from 1978-1983. She has written numerous books about nuclear and environmental issues, including *Missile Envy*, *Nuclear Madness* and the most recent, *The New Nuclear Danger, George W. Bush's Military-Industrial Complex*, a new edition of which will be published in April 2004.

Ambassador Jonathan Dean is adviser on global security policies at the Union of Concerned Scientists where he has worked since 1984. Previously he served as the US representative and deputy representative to the NATO-Warsaw Pact force reduction negotiations in Vienna between 1973 and 1981. His foreign service work included assignments in Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Kantanga. In the 1960s he was deputy director of the Office of United Nations Political Affairs, U.S. Department of State. A graduate of the National War College, Dean holds a PhD in political science from George Washington University.

Howard W. Hallman is chair of Methodists United for Peace with Justice, a national advocacy organization. He also serves as chair of the Interfaith Committee for Nuclear Disarmament, a coalition of denominational offices and religious associations. He has written extensively on nuclear disarmament and participated in international conferences. In an earlier phase of his professional career, Hallman worked in housing and community development programs and provided training and technical assistance for citizen participation and neighborhood self-help activities. He received B.A. and M.A. degrees in political science from the University of Kansas.

Dr. Ivan Oelrich is Strategic Security Project Director, Federation of American Scientists. He received his B.S. from the University of Chicago and a Ph.D from Princeton University, both in chemistry. He has conducted research at the Livermore National Laboratory and at the Technical University of Munich in Germany. He has worked at the Institute for Defense Analyses, the Office of Technology Assessment, and the Advanced Systems and Concepts Office of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency where he focused on emerging nuclear threats.

March 8, 2004

Dear General Burg:

I would like to continue the dialogue we started when some of us visited your office on March 8 to discuss "A Moral Appeal for a Safer World without Nuclear Weapons". I'm taking you at your word that the Administration's Nuclear Posture Review is an open process that can be modified. I want to pose some questions that you and others might examine as you keep nuclear policy under review.

1) Would President Bush ever really authorize use of a nuclear weapon? If so, under what circumstance? This would be an awesome decision. It would break the pattern of no use since the two atomic bombs were dropped on Japan to end World War II. No matter what experts would advise about "collateral damage", almost every imaginable scenario for use of a nuclear weapon would kill innocent civilians and seriously harm the environment. In our view this would be morally wrong. Furthermore, any use would produce a tremendous public revulsion around the world and gravely harm the political standing of the United States in world opinion. In his heart of hearts would President Bush find use of nuclear weapons to be morally justifiable? Would he be willing to accept personal responsibility for this action?

2) If the answer is "no", the president would never actually authorize the use of nuclear weapons, why keep them? Bluffing is an insufficient reason. Or if the answer falls back on cold war reasoning of mutual deterrence, why not rid ourselves of this stance by achieving mutual disarmament, going ultimately to zero nuclear weapons? Ways to do this are indicated below.

3) Echoing the remark by Jonathan Dean in our discussion, would not the United States would be much better off five to ten years from now in case the forces of democracy in Russia fail and the regime becomes totalitarian again, if Russia had 200 or fewer nuclear weapons and these not readily deployed? This would be far superior than Russia having 2,000 or so nuclear warheads on hair trigger alert, including multi-warhead missiles, and many more in reserve as allowed by the Moscow Treaty of 2002. I would urge that President Bush return to his May 2000 campaign speech favoring de-alerting and that anti-treaty voices within the Administration be overridden in order to obtain mutual, deep verifiable cuts and dismantlement for the Russian and U.S. strategic arsenals. This is in the U.S. national interest.

4) Is not nuclear non-proliferation essential in combating global terrorism? If so, what does the Administration think of what Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, Holy See representative, stated at the 2003 meeting of the NPT Preparatory Committee in Geneva, "The fight against terrorism requires enhancing our commitment to an integrated program of nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament." This goes to the bargain made in the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) that nuclear weapon states would eliminate their nuclear weapons in exchange for other nations not acquiring nuclear weapons. To paraphrase Abraham Lincoln, the world can remain forever partially enslaved to nuclear weapons, partially nuclear weapon free

5) Although some advisers to President Bush are highly critical of the NPT, does the Administration really want to abandon this treaty without having something else in its place? In my view the Administration has seriously weakened the NPT. Unless its policies change there is serious risk that the NPT will collapse at the 2005 Review Conference.

Evidence: In order to gain permanent extension of the NPT in 1995 the United States and other nuclear weapons states agreed to negotiate and ratify a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. The Republican-controlled U.S. Senate defeated ratification. The Bush Administration has announced that it will not seek ratification. In 2000 the final document of the NPT Review Conference, adopted by consensus, outlined thirteen steps for nuclear disarmament, including "an unequivocal undertaking by the nuclear-weapon States to accomplish the total elimination of their nuclear arsenals leading to nuclear disarmament." Last year the Bush Administration stated that it was not bound by the final document. These actions combined with the Administration's quest for new nuclear weapons and its willingness to use nuclear weapons preemptively are endangering the non-proliferation regime.

6) Would not it be better to strengthen the NPT and the role of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) than to go it alone? Is not multilateral action ultimately the only way to achieve global nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament? Are not negotiation, international inspections, non-violent sanctions, and incentive measures much more likely to achieve success than military threats and pre-emptive strikes?

Although the Administration may publicly boast that Libya is dismantling its nuclear program because of U.S. threats, I believe that the combination of economic sanctions and multi-lateral negotiations are the primary reason. It is also clear that a multi-national approach, including use of the IAEA, will be the most effective way to contain and eventually eliminate the nuclear weapons program of Iran and North Korea. This is the only way to go because it seems highly unlikely that the U.S. will have the military capacity or public support to initiate preemptive military action following the highly costly invasion of Iraq. The Administration should recognize this reality.

7) If the premise is correct that nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation must go hand in hand, should not the United States take the lead by starting to fulfill its end of the bargain by embarking on significant disarmament initiatives? These include (a) mutual de-alerting and deep cuts with Russia, (b) cease development of new nuclear weapons (we are already over supplied), (c) continuation of the moratorium on nuclear testing and ratification of the CTBT, (d) renunciation of the doctrine of pre-emptive nuclear first strike, and (e) withdrawal of nuclear weapons from non-nuclear states in Europe (perhaps in exchange for verified dismantlement of Russian tactical nuclear weapons). There is also a need to increase efforts to keep nuclear warheads and fissile material out of the hands of terrorists by fully funding the recommendations of the Baker-Cutler report and by negotiating and implementing a Fissile Material Cut-Off Treaty.

Along these lines I refer you to the attached "Statement on the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, NPT" adopted in 2004 by the Executive Committee, World Council of Churches. It contains a thorough critique of today's situation and offers many positive suggestions. If you are cautious about downloading documents, you can view the statement at <http://www.wcc-coe.org/wcc/who/2004exco-statement2.html>. I am also attaching a fresh copy of "A Moral Appeal for a Safer World without Nuclear Weapons" and list of initial signers. It is available at <http://www.zero-nukes.org/moralappeal.html>.

I and others would welcome further dialogue on these issues with you and others from the Administration.

With best regards,

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RELIGIOUS AND SCIENTIFIC LEADERS CALL ON BUSH ADMINISTRATION TO LEAD GLOBAL NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT ON MORAL GROUNDS

Group Raises Concerns about Proliferation Caused by New Nuclear Arms Race

Washington, D.C., March 8, 2004 -- A diverse group of religious and scientific leaders today called for all nuclear states to pledge to never use their nuclear arsenals and to work toward nuclear disarmament, stating that such weapons are "inherently immoral."

The group, representing many faiths and nations, stated their belief that nuclear weapons, whether possessed by states or terrorist organizations, should be eliminated. The group also stated its support for incremental disarmament as outlined in the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

"The U.S. administration's threat to use any nuclear weapon in the context of 'deterrence' is morally reprehensible. It holds people hostage for political and military purposes," said Rev. Robert Edgar, General Secretary of the National Council of the Churches of Christ (USA).

In a consensus statement entitled *A Moral Appeal for a Safer World without Nuclear Weapons*, the international group of 71 signatories agreed that nations that continue to stockpile and develop new nuclear weapons encourage other nations and terrorists to acquire nuclear capabilities to level the geopolitical playing field. They added, "Opposition to terrorism requires a strong, integrated program of nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament. We call upon all members of the international community to carry out an enhanced nuclear non-proliferation program to prevent any nation or organization from developing or acquiring nuclear weapons."

The group also pledged to reflect, study and work in their own communities and institutions to accelerate the elimination of nuclear weapons on moral grounds.

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“After Hiroshima, nuclear war is unthinkable to most people. Yet the Bush administration recently authorized research into new low-yield nuclear weapons and reversed a 10-year development ban on them at the three major laboratories. The United States is the bully on the global playground, wielding a big genocidal stick and emulated by the rest of the world,” said Dr. Helen Caldicott.

The religious and scientific leaders will present its *Moral Appeal*, emphasizing moral principles, civilized values and humanitarian law, during a meeting with a representative of the National Security Council on Monday, March 8.

Among the people who plan to meet with the NSC are Rev. Robert Edgar, General Secretary, National Council of the Churches of Christ; Marie Dennis, Vice President, Pax Christi International; Helen Caldicott, M.D., President, Nuclear Policy Research Institute; Ambassador Jonathan Dean, Advisor on Global Security Issues, Union of Concerned Scientists; Ivan Oerlich, Director, Strategic Security Programs, Federation of American Scientists; and Howard Hallman, Chairman, Methodists United for Peace with Justice.

Supporters and signatories of this appeal for nuclear disarmament include several Nobel Prize recipients, including Sir Joseph Rotblat (UK), Dr. John Polanyi (USA), Mairead Corrigan-Maguire (Northern Ireland) and Betty Williams (Northern Ireland).

Additional signatories represent churches and institutions in Russia, the United Kingdom, Wales, Germany, Italy, Austria, Belgium, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Nigeria, South Africa, Gabon, the Congo, the Philippines, Haiti, Australia and New Zealand.

A Moral Appeal for a Safer World without Nuclear Weapons was initiated by Methodists United for Peace with Justice and Pax Christi International, two advocacy organizations working for nuclear disarmament.

The coalition of religious leaders, scientists and doctors is encouraging groups and institutions worldwide to build upon the basic principles of the consensus agreement -- immorality of nuclear weapons, a pledge not to use them and eventual elimination -- by offering incremental, pragmatic proposals to their governments.

A Moral Appeal for a Safer World without Nuclear Weapons

Originated with **Methodists United for Peace with Justice** and **Pax Christi International**

We had hoped that the first decade of the 21st century would be the time to rid world of nuclear weapons. Instead we have witnessed the growth of a **utilitarian approach** to nuclear weapons.

Bush Administration policy documents issued in 2002

For the U.S. nuclear weapons will have a **useful role forever** (contrary to NPT)

Nuclear weapons could have use in a **pre-emptive strike** against non-nuclear states

Also, need **new nuclear weapons** to use as **bunker-buster**

Big nuclear weapons may be too destructive, so need to develop **mini-nukes** that are **more usable**

Russia: with lesser conventional force, wants to retain nuclear weapons

UK, France, China, Israel believe that nuclear weapons have utility

India-Pakistan....North Korea, Iran, Libya, Iraq

We reject the utilitarian approach.

Want to restate clearly that nuclear weapons are **not a matter of utility**

but rather **a matter of basic morality**. That is what A Moral Appeal does.

Signers

Starting with our base

Catholics

Methodists, other Protestants

NCC and member denominations

Member denominations of WCC (WCC has its own statement)

Will reach out to other faiths through World Conference of Religions for Peace, other channels.

We know that persons from science and medicine share our concern about the morality of n.w.

Pugwash Conference (Sir Joseph Rotblat statement)

Union of Concerned Scientists

Federation of American Scientists

International Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War

Physicians for Social Responsibility (U.S.) (Dr. Helen Caldicott founder)

Nobel Peace Laureates

Pugwash, IPPNW, inviting others.

Our speakers this morning represent these points of view.

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Nuclear Posture Review (January 2020)

National Security Strategy of the United States (September 2002)

National Strategy to Combat Weapons of Mass Destruction (December 2002)

You are invited to attend a news conference at 11:15 a.m., Monday 8, 2004 for the public release of "A Moral Appeal for a Safer World without Nuclear Weapons." It will take place in the Root Room, Second Floor, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 1779 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC

A Moral Appeal is signed by religious leaders from around the world, joined by scientists, doctors, and Nobel peace laureates. It calls for the total and irrevocable elimination of nuclear weapons on the grounds that they are inherently immoral. In a global call to action the Appeal asks all states possessing nuclear weapons to pledge not to use them and to embark on an unequivocal undertaking to eliminate all nuclear weapons consistent with the guidelines of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and the International Court of Justice.

Speakers at the news conference will include:

- * The Rev. Dr. Robert Edgar, General Secretary, National Council of Churches of Christ and former member of U.S. House of Representatives (D – PA)
- * Helen Caldicott, M.D., President, Nuclear Policy Research Institute and author of *"The New Nuclear Danger: George W. Bush's Military-Industrial Complex"*
- * Marie Dennis, Vice President, Pax Christi International and Director, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
- * Jonathan Dean, Adviser on Global Security Issues, Union of Concerned Scientists
- * Howard Hallman, Chair, Methodists United for Peace with Justice and Chair, Interfaith Committee for Nuclear Disarmament

A Moral Appeal is available on-line at <http://www.zero-nukes.org/moralappeal.html>.

For further information, contact Howard Hallman at hhallman@mupwj.org

<http://www.wfn.org/2004/03/msg00042.html>

March 8 Event D.C. on Moral Reasons for Nuclear Disarmament

<http://www.wcc-coe.org/wcc/what/international/leaflet.html>

Abolish nuclear weapons: protect creation

<http://www.acronym.org.uk/dd/dd50/50views.htm>

Interfaith Questionnaire on Elimination of Nuclear Weapons: US Presidential Candidates' Responses

Signers of A Moral Appeal for a Safer World without Nuclear Weapons

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President, Council of Bishops
The United Methodist Church

Bishop Melvin G. Talbert
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Bishop C. Dale White
Former Chair, Episcopal Initiatives
The United Methodist Church

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Howard W. Hallman
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William Chris Hobgood
General Minister and President,
The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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The Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold
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Rev. Michael E. Livingston
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The Most Rev. Njongonkulu Ndungane
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The Most Rev. R.H.A. Eames
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March 19, 2004

NCC Observes 50th Anniversary of H-Bomb Test in the Pacific, Calls for Global Nuclear Disarmament

Twice in just over a week, NCC General Secretary Bob Edgar has issued calls for global nuclear disarmament. On March 8 in Washington, D.C., he joined Dr. Helen Caldicott of the Nuclear Policy Research Institute, Howard Hallman of Methodists United for Peace with Justice and others in the religious, scientific and medical communities to call for a halt to the post-Cold War nuclear arms race on the grounds that it is immoral and unnecessary. Dr. Edgar noted that he had just returned from a 50th anniversary commemoration of Operation Bravo, the March 1, 1954, atmospheric test of the H-Bomb on Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands, at which he and other participants asked justice for those still suffering the effects of those tests and urged the United States to lead the world in eliminating weapons of mass destruction. *Pictured: Jim Winkler, Barbara Grace Ripple, Randy Day, Bob Edgar, JoAnn Yoon Fukumoto and Dave Williams in Majuro, Marshall Islands.*

- [Sign "A Moral Appeal for a Safer World Without Nuclear Weapons"](#)
- [March 8 Statement on Nuclear Disarmament by Bob Edgar](#)
- [March 1 Statement by Participants in 50th Anniversary of H-Bomb Test on Marshall Islands](#)

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Nuclear Disarmament Track
Ecumenical Advocacy Days 2004
Doubletree Hotel Crystal City, Arlington, VA

Friday, March 5, 2004

6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Opening plenary session for all tracks combined

Saturday, March 6, 2004

Nuclear Disarmament Track meets in Crystal Ballroom, Salon E

9:00 a.m. **Track Plenary Session**

Presiding: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Interfaith Committee for Nuclear Disarmament

Opening Prayer: Richard L. Killmer, Program Director

Churches' Center for Theology and Public Policy

Outline of track schedule

9:15 **Keynote Address:** "Nuclear Weapons: A Moral Issue"

Bishop C. Dale White, United Methodist Church

9:45-10:30 **Debate:** "The Future of U.S. Policy on Nuclear Weapons"

Alistair Millar, Director, Washington Office, Fourth Freedom Forum

Baker Spring, F.M. Kirby Research Fellow in National Security Policy

Heritage Foundation

Joe Volk, Executive Secretary, Friends Committee on National Legislation

10:45-12:15 **Workshop I** Administration's nuclear weapons policy, new weapon development

Moderator: Mark Harrison, Program Director, Peace with Justice

United Methodist General Board

of Church and Society

Presenters: Jonathan Dean, Adviser on National Security Issues

Union of Concerned Scientists

David Culp, Legislative Representative

Friends Committee on National Legislation

12:45-2:15 Lunch (by denominations)

2:30-4:00 **Workshops II** Reducing nuclear danger (arms control, threat reduction)

Moderator: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Methodists United for Peace with Justice

Presenters: Martin Butcher, Director, Security Program

Physicians for Social Responsibility

Brian Finlay, Director, Nuclear Threat Reduction Campaign

4:15-5:30 **Workshop III** Congregational education and grassroots mobilization

Workshop leader: Richard L. Killmer, Program Director,

Churches' Center for Theology and Public Policy

Sunday, March 7

8:30-10:00 **Worship Service** (entire conference)

10:30-noon **Workshop IV** (nuclear disarmament track)
Strengthening global nuclear non-proliferation
Moderator: Richard L. Kilmer
Presenters: Edward Levine, Senior Professional Staff Member
Senate Foreign Relations Committee
Nancy Gallagher, Associate Director for Research
Center for International and Security Studies
University of Maryland

12:15-1:45 Lunch (by regional groups)

2:00-4:00 **Track Plenary Session**
Lobbying Congress and Executive Branch
Preparation for Monday: issues (asks) and techniques
Session leader: David Culp, Legislative Representative
Friends Committee on National Legislation

4:30-5:15 **Video**
"Stop the Bomb" Experience of Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance
Presenter: Carol E. Green, United Methodist Holston Conference

7:00-9:00 **Banquet**

Monday, March 8

Lobbying on Capitol Hill

Ecumenical Advocacy Days will take place at the Doubletree Hotel, Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia. Lobbying on Monday will occur on Capitol Hill.

March 3, 2004

Deletions in brackets. Additions underlined.

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Among the people who plan to meet with [the] NSC staff are Rev. Robert Edgar, General Secretary, National Council of the Churches of Christ; Marie Dennis, Vice President, Pax Christi International; Helen Caldicott, M.D., President, Nuclear Policy Research Institute; Ambassador Jonathan Dean, [Advisor] Adviser on Global Security Issues, Union of Concerned Scientists; Ivan Oerlich, Director, Strategic Security Programs, Federation of American Scientists; and Howard Hallman, Chair[man], Methodists United for Peace with Justice.

Supporters and signatories of this appeal for nuclear disarmament include several Nobel Prize recipients, including Sir Joseph Rotblat (UK), Dr. John Polanyi (USA), Mairead Corrigan-Maguire (Northern Ireland) and Betty Williams (Northern Ireland). Other signers are Ronald S. McCoy, M.D. (Malaysia) President, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, which won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985 and Prof. M. S. Swaminathan (India) President, Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs, 1995 Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Additional signatories represent churches and institutions in Russia, the United Kingdom, Wales, Germany, Italy, Austria, Belgium, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Egypt, Nigeria, South Africa, Gabon, the Congo, the Philippines, Haiti, Brazil, Argentina, Australia, and New Zealand.

A Moral Appeal for a Safer World without Nuclear Weapons was initiated by Methodists United for Peace with Justice and Pax Christi International, two advocacy organizations working for nuclear disarmament.

The coalition of religious leaders, scientists and doctors is encouraging groups and institutions worldwide to build upon the basic principles of the consensus agreement -- immorality of nuclear weapons, a pledge not to use them and eventual elimination -- by offering [incremental,] pragmatic proposals for nuclear disarmament to their governments.

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Signers of A Moral Appeal for a Safer World Without Nuclear Weapons

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All members of Pax Christi Erding which is near Munich, Bavaria in Germany

[Bishop A.H. van Luyn, President Pax Christi Netherlands](#)

Fuad Giacaman

Director

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[Eric LeCompte, National Council Chair Person of Pax Christi USA \(Washington DC\)](#)

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Ambassador of Peace

Nancy Small

Ambassador of Peace

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Judy Coode, Pax Christi USA National Council, Washington, D.C.

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2. Megan McKenna (USA) - Pax Christi USA Ambassador of Peace

3. Phyllis Turner Jepson (USA) - Director of Pax Christi USA's Local/Regional Group Development

4. Barbara Richardson (USA) - Coordinator of Pax Christi USA's Local/Regional Group Development

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Fr. John Dear would like his name added.

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Pamela Matinde
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Sir Joseph Rotblat (Great Britain)
Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

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Dr. John Polanyi (USA)
Nobel Laureate (Chemistry)

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Pilar Agraz Aguilar
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Organization:
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Douglas Roche
Senator of Canada.

Additions after March 8, 2004

[Barb Baker, National Council Member, Pax Christi USA](#)

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Title :

Organization: Pax Christi USA

C.L. Urban

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**The Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold
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The Episcopal Church, USA**

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Brenda Hardt

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Organization: Texas Conference, United Methodist Church

Anne Armitage

Title : Member, Board of Trustees

Organization: All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church

Ryuzaburo Noda

Title : aprofessor emeritus of Okayama

David Krieger

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Corrections and new signers for A Moral Appeal
<http://www.zero-nukes.org/moralappeal-signers.html>

CORRECTIONS

1. The list under CATHOLIC: International -- Rev. Dr. Robert Edgar through Anna Åkerlund - should be moved to the left column.
2. The list in the left column -- Msgr. Michel Sabbah through Bishop A.H. van Luyn -- should be moved to the middle column under CATHOLIC: International

ADDITIONS

A. Column beginning with Rev. Dr. Robert Edgar (moved to left column)

1. After **William Chris Hobgood** add

The Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold

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2. After **Rev. Michael E. Livingston** add

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B. Civic Sector (right column)

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Carla Schueler

Sara Simon

C. CATHOLIC: USA

1. In first four listings remove boldface titles so that it reads:

Bishop Thomas Gumbleton

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2. At end of list add:

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D. CATHOLIC: International

1. At end of list, add:

16 Officers, Pax Christi Pakistan

April 22, 2004

Participants in a meeting with General Roger W. Burg, Director, Strategic Policy and Arms Control, National Security Council

4:00 p.m., Monday, March 8, 2004

Participant	Date of Birth	Social Security Number
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Jonathan Dean	June 15, 1924	112-22-7391
Marie Dennis	September 13, 1942	193-34-1558
Robert W. Edgar	May 29, 1943	185-32-1581
Howard W. Hallman	February 17, 1928	512-20-7823
Ivan Oelrich	February 15, 1951	262-84-1937

Background

Helen Caldicott, M.D., President, Nuclear Policy Research Institute

Ambassador Jonathan Dean, Adviser on Global Security Policies, Union of Concerned Scientists.

Marie Dennis, Vice President, Pax Christi International; Director, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns.

Rev. Dr. Robert Edgar, General Secretary, National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

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News Conference on *A Moral Appeal for a Safer World without Nuclear Weapons*

Moderator: Dr. Bob Edgar, General Secretary, National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

Speakers

Howard W. Hallman, Chair, Methodists United for Peace with Justice
Background of A Moral Appeal, its main points

Dr. Bob Edgar. Immorality of nuclear weapons

Marie Dennis, Vice President, Pax Christi International; director, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns. Catholic perspective

Helen Caldicott, M.D., President, Nuclear Policy Research Institute.
Wrongful trends in U.S. nuclear weapons policies.

Ambassador Jonathan Dean, Adviser on Global Security Policies, Union of Concerned Scientists. Practical steps toward nuclear disarmament.

Dr. Ivan Oelrich, Strategic Security Project Director, Federation of American Scientists
Scientific perspective on nuclear weapons.

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March 3, 2004

Leslie,

Here is material for the press kit for the March 8 news conference on A Moral Appeal. I will have two more items to e-mail you with an attached copy.

I suggest the material might be put in the following order, front to back:

A Moral Appeal for a Safer World without Nuclear Weapons
Signers (to be sent)
Biographical sketches of speakers (to be sent)
The World's Nuclear Arsenals
A one pager on health effects of nuclear weapons if used (Dianne will supply)
Getting Serious about Nuclear Disarmament by Jonathan Dean
Practical Steps on Article VI (Dean will make reference to)
Statement by Executive Committee, World Council of Churches
The Nuclear Threat Is Real by Joseph Rotblat (scientist speaker may reference)
Power over the Ultimate Evil by Jonathan Granoff (useful background on moral issue)

I'm still waiting to learn whether Ivan Oelrich, Federation of American Scientists, will speak. Then I'll finish the bios and send them to you.

I'm waiting to see if any more signers come in before I finalize the list by Friday. Attached is the current list. Excuse the printing quality. My printer isn't working properly.

Thanks for handling the news kit,

Howard W. Hallman