

COMMUNITY AFFIRMATION

We who live in the shadow of the mushroom cloud today declare our hope in the future.

We have come to renew our belief in the holiness of the earth, and the sanctity of all life.

We declare we are at peace with all people of good will.

We need no leader to define for us any enemy, nor to tell us what we need security for and defence against.

Instead we affirm that our earth's security rests not in armaments but:

- in the justice of adequate housing and food,
- in the justice of meaningful education and work,
- in the justice of an economic order that gives everyone access to our earth's abundance,
- in the justice of human relationships, nourished by co-operation,
- in the justice of safe, clean water and renewable energy.

We affirm people over property, community well-being over private satisfaction, and respect for others regardless of sex, race, class or religion.

We choose struggle rather than indifference,

We choose to be friends of the earth and of one another, rather than exploiters,

We choose to be citizens rather than subjects,

We choose to be peace-makers rather than peace-keepers.

We choose a nuclear-free future – and we will settle for nothing less.

We unite ourselves with sisters and brothers the world over,
to join together in communities of resistance to all violence.

Bombs cannot dissolve hatred, but justice and love
can overcome the machines of destruction.

Before us today are set Life and Death.

We choose Life, that we and the world's children may live.

Let it be so.