

Actions Planned around the World during the Peace Wave Week, September 20-26  
(Information as of September 18, 2017)

**New Zealand**

Tauranga Worship Group of the Religious Society of Friends, Aotearoa New Zealand

Dear Gensuikyo, We plan to hold a candlelit vigil every evening from 20th - 26th September, at 5pm - 6pm at the Greerton Public Library, Tauranga, New Zealand. We will display posters with slogans such as: "Support Ban on Nuclear Weapons". Every good wish for your campaign,

Contact: Tauranga Worship Group Email: davetricia@hnpl.net

**Australia**

Léonie Ebert, Founder, The Graham F Smith Peace Foundation Inc.

Dear Peace Wave Task Force

Don Jarrett forwarded your email to our organisation, The Graham F Smith Peace Foundation. We will send out an email to our members to notify them of the action taken and the possibility of signing the petition.

It would be more helpful to collect names for your petition if you were linked to [www.change.org](http://www.change.org) which is the world's platform for change. View the website and let us know if you set up your petition with [change.org](http://change.org). Best wishes for your action. In solidarity

Contact: Graham F Smith Peace Foundation Inc. Email: [contact@artspeacefoundation.org](mailto:contact@artspeacefoundation.org)

[www.artspeacefoundation.org](http://www.artspeacefoundation.org) Facebook: [artspeacefoundation](https://www.facebook.com/artspeacefoundation)

Nihal Dias, Brisbane

I would like to join peace wave movement at Brisbane City. Let me know your contact soon.

Contact: Nihal Dias, Email: [nihalslt44@gmail.com](mailto:nihalslt44@gmail.com), Tel 614-7805-8730

**Marshall Islands**

Desmond Narain Doulatram, REACH-MI (Radiation Exposure Awareness Crusaders for Humanity - Marshall Islands)

(Excerpts of the message): In light of the recently passed Nuclear Ban Treaty at the United Nations which was endorsed by 122 UN member states, it is important to reference and to recall the 1995 NPT Conference outcome documentation, which states that the Conference "acknowledges the existence of a special responsibility towards those people of the former UN Trust Territories who have been affected as a result of the nuclear weapons tests conducted during the period of the Trusteeship."(1995 NPT/CONF.1995/MC.III/1).

There is an important responsibility for user states (e.g. United States), - those that have tested or used such weapons to provide adequate assistance for affected victims, and regarding environmental remediation. We consider this to be an important statement of international law. We also consider that there remains a basic humanitarian need of assistance from the UN system.

The Marshall Islands government was a vocal advocate for the moral endeavors of the Nuclear Ban Treaty particularly Article 6 & 7 which pay reference to the need of Victim Assistance and Environmental remediation. The Marshall Islands has a special bilateral agreement with the United States of America and it is through that agreement that an avenue called the Changed Circumstance Petition (CCP) was established by United States Congress to provide Victim Assistance and Environmental remediation. The Changed Circumstance Petition of the Marshall Islands is currently sitting with US Congress awaiting formal action to provide Victims Assistance and Environmental remediation to affected Marshallese nuclear victims without prejudice.

US Congress must provide humane measures to ensure the equal dignity of their fellow man who sacrificed immensely for the American Military cause and for World Peace & Security at the height of the Cold War where Marshall Islands was selected as a Strategic Trust to ensure Peace & Security of the United States and the World as mentioned by the United Nations International Humanitarian Law System. It is both the responsibility of the United Nations and the United States to provide Victims Assistance and Environmental Remediation to the affected Marshallese Community given the special relationship of the Marshall Islands being selected as a Strategic Trust by the United Nations to be administered by the United States.

It is in light of these recent happenings that we at REACH-MI are confined and obliged to believe that the best solution is for US Congress to address the Changed Circumstance Petition to fully give fair reparations as it is ever so obligated in the Nuclear Ban Treaty, particularly Article 6 & 7. Long story short, the US through its Congress must provide victim assistance and environmental remediation in light of the changing circumstance as mentioned in Article 6 & 7 which pay reference to the contents of the Change Circumstance Petition which was to provide monetary relief in regards to victim assistance and environmental remediation.

WE at REACH-MI believe that Equal Dignity is a Human Right and the way we are treated measures our dignity amongst others. Whatever available avenue is made available to ensure nuclear justice for our victims must be taken to ensure that their voices are being heard in these respective conversation that depict in all honesty their current reality. We must all consider the merits of our arguments for in reality what Article 6 & 7 of the Nuclear Ban Treaty really stipulates is what the Marshall Islands has been asking for since the very beginning -- which is -- victim assistance and environmental remediation for the affected communities as was also mentioned to US Congress in the changed circumstance petition. In other words, what the United Nations system is doing with this Nuclear Ban Treaty is merely retelling the narrative through Article 6 & 7 that there still remains a responsibility of user states, particularly the United States, to provide victims assistance and environmental remediation by upholding its promise of the the changed circumstance petition.

Please see attachment for more information on the Changed Circumstance Petition. Additionally, please take the time to sign our online petition to have the United States Congress address the Changed Circumstance Petition which is basically Victim Assistance and Environmental Remediation obligations mentioned also in Article 6 & 7 of the Nuclear Ban Treaty recently voted on by 122 member states.

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/430/435/492/>

We at REACH-MI will always support the moral goals of the Hibakusha as this is very much a human issue interlinked with Marshall Islands given that the Marshallese people are nuclear victims themselves and there is a need to be more aware of the Human Right concerns highlighting the dangers of Nuclear Weapons.

P.S. Once Thank you so much for including us in this collective approach to see that the Nuclear Ban Treaty is endorsed using this grass root movement emphasizing the role of civil society which REACH-MI is a part of. We support the moral endeavors of the Nuclear Ban Treaty and are also doing our part as members of Civil Society.

Contact: Desmond Narain Doulatram, REACH-MI Research Director, desmonddoulatram@gmail.com

## **Republic of Korea**

Lee Jun Kyu, researcher

Press Conference, rallies and performances are planned during Peace Wave campaign period. Various citizens groups will carry out actions together, connecting it with North Korean nuclear issue.

Contact: Lee Jun Kyu, Email: minoritylee@hotmail.com

## Saitama group of the National Council of Singing Voice of Japan Organizations in Seoul

Saitama Choral Society from Japan will join the music concert for the 10th anniversary of the Peace Tree Choral Group of Seoul on September 23. Next day, from 12:30, Saitama group will hold a signature drive for the "International Hibakusha Appeal" in front of Myeongdong Church in Seoul, together with their friends in Korea, calling for the elimination of nuclear weapons. Together they will send out the message that every country should sign and ratify the nuclear weapon prohibition treaty. Saitama choral group will bring "peace crane badges" hand-made by the Hibakusha in Saitama as souvenirs, and are folding paper cranes to be handed to the people who will sign the Appeal. Already 1,300 signatures have been collected by the Saitama group, as part of the Peace Wave to circle around the globe.

Contact: National Council of Singing Voice of Japan Organizations: info@utagoe.gr.jp

## **Germany**

Wolfgang Schlupp-Hauck, Chairman, Friedens Werkstatt Mutlangen

From Germany I can report that we will issue a press release on September 20th. On September 23rd we will have a meeting in Mutlangen with about 60 people to commemorate 40 years of "Ohne Rüstung Leben" (Living without Arms). We will demand on this occasion, that Germany will join the ban treaty.

After the elections for the Bundestag on September 24th we will hand over to the parties forming the new coalition for the government more than 20.000 Signatures demanding the same. This is organized by the Campaign "Büchel ist überall - atomwaffenfrei.jetzt (Büchel is everywhere - nuclear weapons free)" (German branch of Abolition 2000).

Contact: Wolfgang Schlupp-Hauck, Email: wolfgang.schlupp-hauck@t-online

## **France**

Roland Nivet, Spokesperson, Mouvement de la Paix

On 23 September, more than 40 peace marches will be carried out, urging France to ratify the Ban Treaty, marking the Peace Wave and the UN International Day for Peace. And about 40 initiatives as debates and meetings will be held.

Rennes: Walk "stop the war, stop the violence, stop the misery" - departure 16H metro Charles De Gaulle (march preceded by a debate at the associations house)

Quimper: Rendez-vous is given at 11 Heures, at the Pont Médard on the Steir, to go to the Garden of Peace, rue des Douves.

Brest: Departure of the walk: Jardin Kennedy at 11H30. Symbolic walk for Peace to and from Square Kennedy towards Cours Dajot (distribution of leaflets throughout the day in the Saint Michel fair: get in touch with all volunteers at 9:30 am Square Kennedy for distribution and public inquiry 11H30 for walking)

Lannion: Walk for peace - departure at 11 am Place de la Mairie until the sub-prefecture of Lannion.

Nantes: Walk for Peace on Saturday, September 23rd. Departure of the Walk at 11 am to the Monument to the 50 hostages

Contact: Roland Nivet, Spokesperson, Mouvement pour la Paix Email:roland.nivet@mvtpaix.org

## **Denmark**

Jessie Seehuusen, Peace Watch and Tid til Fred – Aktiv mod Krig

Thank you for your initiative for a global Peace Wave. In Denmark two peace organisations are eager to participate: FredsVagten ved Christiansborg (The Peace Watch, which for sixteen years has conducted an everyday manifestation for peace in front of the parliament), and Tid til Fred – Aktiv mod Krig (a more recent, but energetic group of activists). We prepare a Peace Boat Trip in the canals of Copenhagen on September 21st, the day the UN has declared the international day of peace. We hire an open tourist boat, decorate it with posters and slogans so as to make it as eye-catching as possible, and fill it with activists carrying peace flags. The boat will be circulating for a couple of hours, and in various places we shall disembark to talk with people and hand out leaflets. Last year we celebrated the day of peace in the same way, see: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Mxy3WLqb0t8#>

Contact: Jessie Seehuusen, Email: jessie@smorumnet.dk (on behalf of the Peace Watch and Tid til Fred-Akrive mod Krig)

## **Italy**

Lisa Clark, Co-Chair, International Peace Bureau (IPB)

Here in Italy we are building our programme for actions during the Peace Wave. (Actually, we will probably extend the period to include 4 October, but I will confirm that over the next few days) So far we have:

- press release of continuing campaign called "Italia, Ripensaci" (which means Italy, please change your mind ... and join the ban treaty process) The campaign began in autumn 2016, we are keeping the title, but we will add the list of actions over the Peace Wave period

- letters on behalf of Italian Mayors for Peace (almost 500 of them) to Gov't
- Pledge to be signed by Parliamentarians
- endorsement of campaign by Italian associations
- Pugwash and Scientists conference in Castiglioncello, 21-22 Sept
- Presentation of nuclear weapons abolition book and some kind of action in front of Gov't buildings,

Rome, 26 September and perhaps more ....

Contact: Lisa Clark Email: [lisa.clark@libero.it](mailto:lisa.clark@libero.it)

## **U.K.**

### Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND)

Dear Peace Wave News, please see the below events that CND are organising or assisting with organising across the UK.

- In the run up to the 20th CND will have a social media campaign profiling a celebrity every day in favour of the UN treaty.
- On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm CND and its partners will be handing in a letter to Downing Street together with the letters our members and supporters have signed to send to the PM about this issue.
- On the 23rd September, the *Guardian* will carry a full-page advert calling for the cancellation of Trident replacement and support for the global ban.
- We are also working to get a letter in the *Guardian* from prominent figures including MPs, faith leaders and trade union leaders, in support of the ban treaty.
- CND groups and members will hold a local constituency lobby and make appointments to see their MPs on either Friday 22nd or Saturday 23rd September to discuss supporting the UN treaty.
- On Saturday 23rd, a number of CND groups will hold a local stall to highlight the UN treaty and Britain's decision not to support it.

Contact: Stephanie Garey, CND Email: [Stephanie.Garey@cnduk.org](mailto:Stephanie.Garey@cnduk.org)

## Canada

[Ceasefire.ca](http://Ceasefire.ca)

From Ottawa, I'd like to invite you to join IPB members groups and allies in Canada online on September 20 by sharing photos using the hashtag #bannukes.

We are organizing "Citizen Signing Ceremonies" in 8 cities and communities on September 20 in support of the Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty. You can see the list here: <http://www.ceasefire.ca>

And, if you are interested in organizing your own ceremony, I am attaching below a description of the action, and sharing a link to the design for our oversized "Treaty" that you can print for people to sign, snap a picture, and then share on social media using #bannukes hashtag.

In peace and sol,

Steve

## How to organize a Citizen

**Signing Ceremony:** The objective of the project is to highlight the fact that Prime Minister Trudeau's government will not sign the Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty (officially called the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons), while many Canadians will.

The project gives the opportunity for the individual person to "sign the treaty." Of course, the real treaty can only be signed by member states of the United Nations, but the Citizen Signing Ceremony is a metaphor of Canadians' support for the treaty, in contrast to the shameful position of the government.

The date of September 20, 2017, was chosen for the day of action because this is the day the official treaty will open for signature at the United Nations. It's hoped that many countries will sign the treaty on the opening day, especially considering that 122 countries voted for the text during the negotiations in July.

**How does it work?:** The Citizen Signing Ceremony is simple – it has two steps.

Step 1. We print an over-sized mock-up of the treaty and the invite people to sign, or autograph, the banner with a black felt-tip marker.



Step 2. To spread awareness, we hope that the person will take a picture of themselves in front of the banner and share it on social media. The banner says, "I just signed the Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty," and this should appear in the photo. For those using Twitter or Instagram, we hope they will include the hashtag #bannukes.

### **What props do you need?**

Print the banner. Linked is a high resolution digital copy of the giant treaty everyone is using for people to sign (PDF – large file for printing). It's a 30" x 48" Vertical Banner that you can have printed locally at any printing shop. It can also be downloaded here:

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/i3796xbqjm2bgu1/treaty-poster\\_for\\_signing\\_high.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/i3796xbqjm2bgu1/treaty-poster_for_signing_high.pdf?dl=0)

Pick up a few Sharpie-style back tip markers for people to sign the banner.

That's all! For questions, contact [ssstaples@publicresponse.ca](mailto:ssstaples@publicresponse.ca)

P.S. Here is the text of the Ottawa event announcement that you can modify for your event:

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau says he won't sign the new "Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons" when it opens for signature at the United Nations on September 20 - but we sure can!

Come and sign the Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty

Join special guests, Parliamentarians, artists, and other concerned Canadians - sign your name on our giant  
**NUCLEAR WEAPONS BAN TREATY**

Guests speakers: Peggy Mason of the Rideau Institute and Ceasefire.ca

Pierre Jasmin of Les Artistes pour la Paix and the Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons

Citizen Signing Ceremony

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

12:15 - 1:30 PM     beneath the Peace Tower, Parliament Hill

Contact: Ceasefire.ca     Email: [operations@rideauinstitute.ca](mailto:operations@rideauinstitute.ca)

## **U.S.A.**

### New York Peace Action

Event being organized by N.Y. Peace Action in New York City. Details to follow.

Jeff Napolitano, Pioneer Valley Chapter, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Massachusetts

### **Climate Change and the Growing Risk of Nuclear War**

**When:** Saturday, September 23, 2017, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

**Where:** Hadley Farms Meeting House, 41 Russell St, Hadley, MA.

**What:** A Symposium with speakers:

Bill McKibben—350.org; Nitin Damle—American College of Physicians; Michael Klare—Peace and World Security Studies Program, Five Colleges; Jennifer Leaning—Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health; Zia Mian—Program on Science and Global Security, Princeton University; Ira Helfand—Physicians for Social Responsibility; Marty Nathan—Climate Action; John Loretz—International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War.

Sponsored by Pioneer Valley Chapter, Physicians for Social Responsibility

Contact: Jeff Napolitano, JNapolitano@afsc.org

Ian Harrington, Peace Action Massachusetts

**Boston International Day of Peace – Workshops and Demonstration**

At 1 pm on Sunday 24th September on the Boston Common (near the Park Street MBTA station).

workshops will start at 3:30 at Beacon Hill Friends House (6 Chestnut Street).

Contact: Ian Harrington owlh@comcast.net,

<http://masspeaceaction.org/event/international-day-of-peace-boston-2017/>

WILPF, Cambridge, Massachusetts

At 2:30, September 20, WILPF initiated party to celebrate the Ban Treaty at S & S Restaurant

David Swanson, World Beyond War, Washington D.C.

No War 2017: War and Environment -- Just following the International Day of Peace, and in the tradition of No War 2016: Real Security Without Terrorism, and the best speech any U.S. president ever gave, this year's conference will focus on activism, including activist planning workshops, addressing how the antiwar and environmental movements can work together.

For details, please see: <http://worldbeyondwar.org/nowar2017>

Contact: David Swanson, Email: davidcswanson@gmail.com

Buddhist Peace Fellowship, Seattle, Washington

Fellow Buddhist Peace Fellowship Activists/Activists willing to do strategic meditation:

Wondering if you'd be interested to follow up on our Aug. 6th participation for the 14th year for Hiroshima

To Hope, with our Silent Space for Reflection before the lanterns were floated. My idea is simple: we have

a short **vigil Wed. Sept 20 (day the treaty to abolish nuclear weapons opens for signatures, see below)**

and/or **Sept. 21st (United Nations' annual [International Day of Peace](#), and/or even on the Autumnal**

**Equinox the next day)**

For example: BPF of Seattle could host a sit at sunset (7pm) at the Volunteer Park "donut" sculpture across from the Asian Art Museum, facing west across the 20 miles to Trident submarine base/Ground Zero. We could probably get GZ Center to make it into a Facebook event, or we could do that (anyone have the time to make a FB event?)

That is, only IF a few of us were interested and could come sit together. Email me directly if YOU are! Or call/text after 3pm, weekdays. These dates are a week away. Work To Liberate All Beings!

Contact: Rick, Email: bpfseattle-activism@googlegroups.com

Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Committee of the national capital area, Washington, D.C.

Should we have a candlelight vigil at the White House?

Contact: John Steinbach, Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Committee (johnsteinbach1@verizon.net)



Women In Black Frederick, Maryland and Frederick Area Ministerial Alliance and Frederick Interfaith

We're planning a Peace Wave vigil in Frederick, Maryland on September 24th, 2 p.m. on the front steps of Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ, 15 West Church Street, Frederick, Maryland

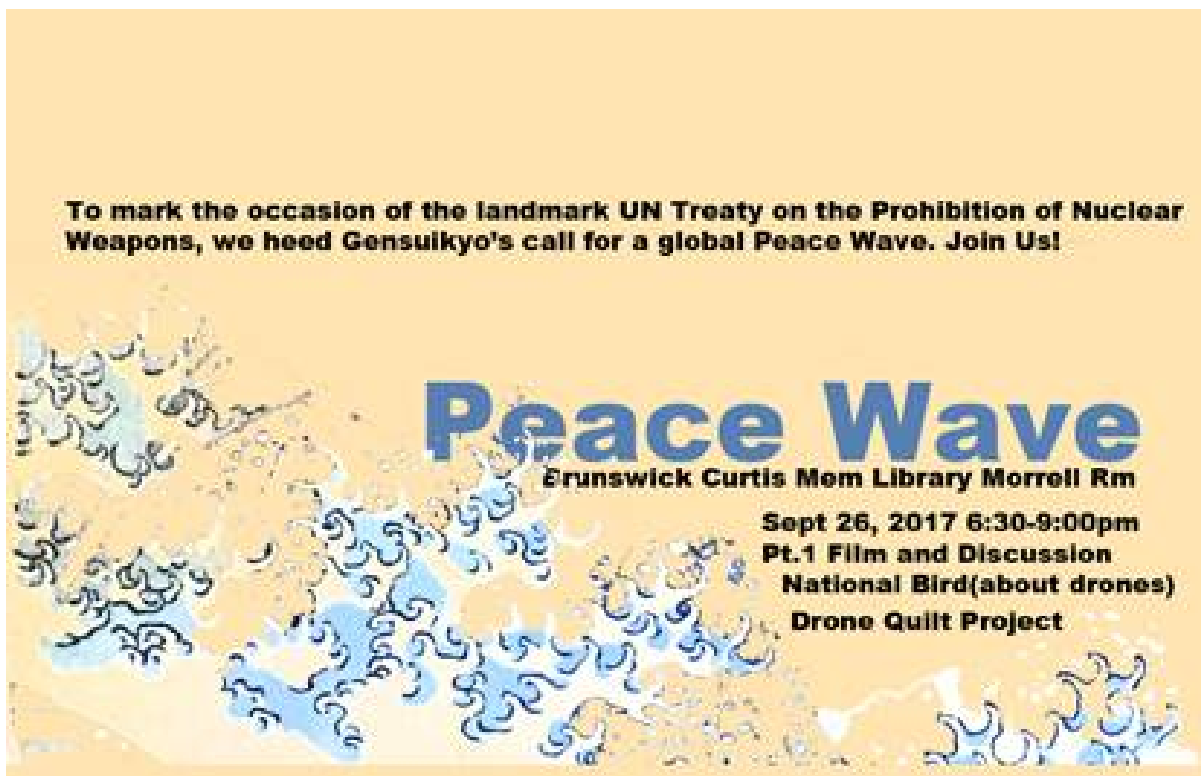
21701. Multi faith Musical Celebration for Peace follows the vigil at 3 p.m.

Contact: Andrea Norouzi (Women In Black Frederick, Maryland 240/409-7176, [wibfrederick@gmail.com](mailto:wibfrederick@gmail.com)) and Frederick Area Ministerial Alliance:

<https://www.facebook.com/Frederick-Area-Ministerial-Association-136319203061928/>

September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows (info@peacefultomorrows.org)

September 20-26: Help build the Peace Wave together calling on all governments of the world to join the treaty to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons.



Martha Spiess, Drone Quilt Project, Brunswick, Massachusetts

We join the swells participating in the Peace Wave. (an action in 3 parts)

Part 1: Sept 26 Drones. In recognition of the Ban Treaty (Sept 20), International day of Peace (sept 21), and International Day against nuclear weapons (Sept 26)

Part 2: Oct 24 Nuclear Impacts. In honor of UN Day. Movie: Hibakusha, Our Life to Live

<http://www.hibakusha-ourlifetolive.org/>

Part 3: Nov 14 Nuclear Weapons: Movie Command and Control.



# Peace Wave

Join us in Brunswick on the occasion of the landmark UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and the call from the Japanese peace movement for a global peace wave

**DRONE WARFARE:** Some panels of the Drone Quilt in memory of civilians killed by drones will be on display in the Curtis Memorial Library, 23 Pleasant Street, until mid-October. **Tuesday September 26, 2017** the film “National Bird” interviewing US veterans involved with military drones will be shown from 6:30-9:00 in the Morrell Room.



**PEACE MOVEMENT IN JAPAN:** “Hibakusha: Our Right to Live” is about Japanese, Korean and American survivors of the Atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Their stories unfold through the journey of Yoko and her music teacher, a survivor of Hiroshima bombing. Yoko’s journey is paralleled by that of David, an American boy who learns of the bombings through Hollywood movies and World War II propaganda. **Tuesday October 24, 2017** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Middle Street, from 6:30-9:00

**THE U.N. NUCLEAR TREATY AND THE MOVEMENT TO ABOLISH NUCLEAR WEAPONS:** “Command and Control” describes the management of America’s nuclear arsenal and shows what can happen when the weapons built to protect us threaten to destroy us. It’s a cautionary tale of freak accidents, near misses, human fallibility and extraordinary heroism, **Tuesday, November 14, 2017** at the Morrell Room, Curtis Memorial Library, 23 Pleasant Street, 7:30-9:00



**free and open to the public**

hosted by Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, co-sponsored by Greater Brunswick PeaceWorks, Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space, and Maine Veterans for Peace

**for more information: 443-2899**

Ming Lai, Council Member of Nevada Desert Experience

Hello. We participated in the Global Peace Wave in 2015 <https://vimeo.com/126085206>

Is this the email address , [antiatom@topaz.plala.or.jp](mailto:antiatom@topaz.plala.or.jp) , that we should send the photo of our current potential participation in Global Peace Wave 2017 to ? We would send the actual photo of our action during the week of September 20th, 2017.

Thank you for your response.

Peace,

Contact: Ming Lai, Nevada Desert Experience Email: [rkmlai@nevadadesertexperience.org](mailto:rkmlai@nevadadesertexperience.org)