The Peace Ribbon Vision Continues Program

Saturday, August 8, from Noon to 1:05 pm

11:50 – Noon
Recorded music plays with a slideshow screen of Peace Ribbon images crafted by people from across the country.

Noon – 12:04
Welcome by hosts: Andrea Norouzi and Kurt Hansen.

12:04 – 12:07
Speaker: Karen Levad, of The Ribbon Minnesota and friend of Justine Merritt, who had the idea of The Ribbon.

12:07 – 12:10
1985 Ribbon Vision Statement read by:
• Grayson Hussong, student at George Washington University, D.C.
• Santiago Moriarty, student at Duke Ellington School of the Arts, D.C.

12:10 – 12:12
Speaker: Dat Duthinh, Ph.D., civil and structural engineer who works on improving the resilience of structures and communities to natural disasters. Having felt the impact of war as a youth in war-torn Vietnam, his advocacy work with Frederick Friends Meeting, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Peace Action, and Prevent Nuclear War Maryland reflects his passionate belief in the cause of peace.

12:12 – 12:16
“Moment of Silence” led by Dat Duthinh: 214 seconds for the estimated 214,000 who perished in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.
Aziza Hagler Norouzi, with the assistance of her mother, lights a candle.

12:16 – 12:20
Dat Duthinh summarizes current state of nuclear arsenals and threat, 100 seconds to midnight.

“What I Cannot Bear to Think of as Lost Forever: 75 Years After Hiroshima and Nagasaki”
12:20 – 12:25 **Speaker:** Jean Athey, the Executive Director of Maryland Peace Action, who serves on the national Board of Directors of Peace Action, Co-Clerk of the Baltimore Yearly Meeting Peace & Social Concerns Committee.

12:25 – 12:30 **Speaker:** Dr. Gwen Du Bois, President of Chesapeake Physicians for Social Responsibility, and Member of the National Boards of PSR and Back from the Brink. She served as a citizen lobbyist at the UN preparatory meetings for the Nuclear Weapons Prohibition Treaty, which was enacted in 2017.

12:30 – 12:35 **Speakers:** MJ Park, a pioneer peace educator, co-founder of Little Friends for Peace. Children share messages of hope.

12:35 – 12:40 Sharing of Peace Ribbon panels

12:40 – 12:45 **Speaker:** John Steinbach, member of the Hiroshima/Nagasaki Peace Committee. John and his late wife played an active role in the 1985 Ribbon and he has a decades-long history of activism on nuclear weapons.

12:45 – 12:50 **Speaker:** Mel Hardy, member of the All Souls Unitarian & Hiroshima/Nagasaki Peace Committee.

12:50 – 12:55 **Speaker:** Marie Dennis, former Co-President of Pax Christi International. She is now Senior Advisor to Pax Christi’s Secretary General and a leader in its Catholic Nonviolence Initiative. Marie was a main organizer of the Ribbon events in Washington, D.C. in 1985.

12:55 – 1:05 Gathering closes with a Peace Ribbon slideshow.