



“What I Cannot Bear to Think of as Lost Forever: 75 Years After Hiroshima and Nagasaki”

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.

- 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.