

2020 Marks the 75th Anniversary of Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki



During his visit to Nagasaki and Hiroshima last November, Pope Francis made an impassioned appeal for the total elimination of nuclear arms, “In a world where millions of children and families live in inhumane conditions, the money that is squandered and the fortunes made through the manufacture, upgrading, maintenance and sale of ever more destructive weapons, are an affront crying out to heaven.”

This week we mark 75 years since the United States conducted nuclear attacks against the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki devastating their populations and destroying their infrastructure. Following their use in Japan, the production and testing of nuclear weapons in the United States and internationally continues to harm the health, environment, and cultures of communities around the world.

In this time of pandemic, people have come to realize more fully the deep interconnections and mutual dependence of life on Earth. Many are beginning to rethink national security and question national priorities. While it is fitting to mourn the lives lost to COVID-19, this anniversary also invites people around the world to stand with the *hibakusha*, the survivors of the bombings in Japan, and other communities harmed by nuclear weapons.

This 75th anniversary is an opportunity to come together, to reflect, and to push for a more just world that values peace and the safety of all people.

LCWR has joined [#stillhere](#), a coalition of organizations who share a common goal of ridding the world of nuclear weapons and standing with the hibakusha.

- Sign the [hibakusha appeal](#) and share it with your networks.
- Plan to attend the [National Virtual Event](#) on Thursday, August 6 and Sunday, August 9.
- Share [resources](#).