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AUGUST 6 AT 8
AM PACIFIC
TIME FOR
SPEAKERS,
MUSIC, AND
VIRTUAL RALLY
AT LIVERMORE
LAB**

***From Hiroshima to a Healthy Tomorrow: Embracing Our Common Humanity*—Annual protest and rally held at the gates of Livermore Laboratory, this year broadcast virtually.**

WHEN: Hiroshima Day, Thursday, August 6 from 8 am to 9:30 am Pacific Time

LINK: Just before 8 am Pacific Time on August 6 the link is set go live for a national broadcast on the collaborative national website www.HiroshimaNagasaki75.org

RALLY SPEAKERS & MUSIC: Livermore rally speakers include noted historian and author Gar Alperovitz, Pentagon planner and whistleblower Daniel Ellsberg, and Nagasaki A-bomb survivor Rev. Nobuaki Hanaoka, Marylia Kelley of Tri-Valley CAREs, singer Betsy Rose, Jackie Cabasso of Western States Legal Foundation, and more. ***Scroll down for speaker's bios.***

NOTE: The Livermore Lab rally at 8 am PT will kick off two days of nationally broadcast programming on this historic 75th anniversary of the U.S. atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This unprecedented nationwide event, with continuous programming running on both August 6 and 9, is organized by more than 160 organizations working together through the Hiroshima Nagasaki 75 collaboration. Western States Legal Foundation is a proud partner in this national coalition.

BONUS: Tune in from 2 – 2:25 pm PT on August 6 to hear WSLF Senior Research Analyst **Andrew Lichterman** discuss how we might explore the connections among the persistence of nuclear weapons, economic inequality, racism and the fossil fuel-based economy that drives climate change at the level of common causes.

For the full 2-day schedule: <https://www.HiroshimaNagasaki75.org/events>

“From Hiroshima to a Healthy Tomorrow: Embracing Our Common Humanity,” a virtual rally, march and action at the gates of the Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab will air on **August 6, 2020 from 8 am to 9:30 am Pacific Time.**

In order of appearance in our August 6th program:



Patricia St. Onge, a Six Nations/Haudenosaune and Quebecois, offers the opening blessing and serves as the rally co-emcee. She is a Partner in Seven Generations Consulting, specializing in all aspects of community organizing for social change. St. Onge and her life partner, Wilson Riles, Jr., have six daughters, two daughters-in-law and three sons-in-law, and seven grandchildren.



Wilson Riles, Jr. is the rally co-emcee. Riles is a politician and community activist who served as a member on the Oakland City Council from 1979 to 1992. He was a leader in the Oakland anti-apartheid movement as well as in the Oakland Nuclear Free Zone ordinance. Riles is cofounder of Nafsi ya Jamii (The Soul Community). He also serves on the Board of Western States Legal Foundation.



Marylia Kelley addresses Livermore Lab’s role in promoting a new nuclear arms race. She is Executive Director at the Livermore-based Tri-Valley CAREs and brings 37 years of research, writing and facilitating public participation in nuclear policy decisions. Kelley has testified before the House Armed Services Committee of the U.S. Congress, the California Legislature and the National Academy of Sciences.



Gar Alperovitz speaks on the U.S. decision to use atomic bombs. He is Co-Founder of The Democracy Collaborative, an organization that develops community wealth-building approaches to local and national democratic reconstruction. A prolific author and historian of nuclear weapons; Alperovitz’ most well-known books in this field are *“The Decision to Use the Atomic Bomb”* and *“Atomic Diplomacy.”* He has also served as a University Professor, Legislative Director in the U.S. Congress, and Special Assistant in the U.S. State Department.



Nobuaki Hanaoka is a Hibakusha and the rally's special guest speaker. Hanaoka was an infant when the bomb fell on Nagasaki on August 9, 1945. His mother and sister died from illnesses linked to radiation poisoning and his brother died at age 39 from premature aging associated with fallout from the bomb. Rev. Hanaoka is a retired minister in the United Methodist Church, who came to the U.S. following seminary training in Japan. He has settled in the Bay Area where he speaks, writes and teaches on topics of peace and human rights.



Betsy Rose is a singer, songwriter and community song leader and activist, active in women's and social change movements for more than four decades. In summer 2018, she helped organize and lead **Choral Majority**, a 400 strong pop-up community chorus, marching and singing in response to a threatened White Nationalist rally in Berkeley. She has sung at the Good Friday Vigils at Livermore for many years, and brings a musical blend of spiritual grounding and justice-making inspiration.



Daniel Ellsberg speaks on U.S. nuclear policy and war planning. He is perhaps best known as the whistleblower who released "The Pentagon Papers" to hasten an end to the war in Vietnam. Ellsberg was an analyst at RAND Corp. and a consultant to the Defense Dept., specializing in problems of command and control of nuclear weapons, war plans and crisis decision-making. In 2017 he released his critically acclaimed memoirs, "*America's Doomsday Machine: Confessions of a Nuclear War Planner.*"



Jacqueline Cabasso delivers the rally's "Call to Action," kicking off the (now virtual) march to the gates of the Livermore Lab. Cabasso is Executive Director of the Oakland-based Western States Legal Foundation since 1984. Cabasso serves as the North American coordinator of Mayor for Peace and plays key roles in United for Peace and Justice and Abolition 2000. She speaks regularly at events and conferences in North and South America, Europe, and Asia.



Chizu Hamada explains the meaning of the traditional Japanese Bon Dance and its role in our Hiroshima-Nagasaki commemorations. Hamada is a retired Bay Area business owner and serves as a spokesperson for the No Nukes Action Committee, a group of Japanese citizens, Japanese--Americans and others who came together after the 2011 earthquake, tsunami and meltdowns at Japan's Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant.