

# *Reflections* FOR NONVIOLENT COMMUNITY



A BOOK OF READINGS  
THE OAK RIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL PEACE ALLIANCE  
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**When the Uranium Processing Facility project manager came to speak at the Baker Center at the University of Tennessee, he was met by a picket line—OREPA members handed out flyers and held signs before going in to the meeting.**

## About this booklet

This booklet grows from an intentional exploration of nonviolent community embarked upon by members of the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance. It has since expanded to embrace many members of our peace community.

Our intention is to use the booklet to build spiritual community. Those who are using the book are asked to participate by contributing readings to it.†

The common thread in these reflections is the struggle of human beings to improve the world. In OREPA, our struggle to end bomb production is part of that struggle. In these reflections, we join ourselves with the larger community that works to heal the world.

The reflection booklet has been provided free of charge to all who request it. We welcome donations—\$20 would cover the cost of paper, printing and mailing for one year—but they aren't required.

Each Thursday you will find the name of a member of the community who is using this reflection booklet. This is an opportunity to think a little about that person and all those who work for peace on her/his day.

† contributions, suggestions, requests can be sent to OREPA,  
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## sources

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Tuesday, April 1

1983 :: 14 MILE HUMAN CHAIN SURROUNDS GREENHAM COMMON IN NUCLEAR PROTEST

Protest that endures is moved by a hope far more modest than that of public success: namely, the hope of preserving qualities in one's own heart and spirit that would be destroyed by acquiescence.

~ Wendell Berry

Wednesday, April 2

I think there's an inverse proportionality. The more you try to make a difference and be successful and bring the dramatic change yourself, the less happens. And the more you let go and go forward into the darkness and give up your life for peace and justice, like the great martyrs did, like Dan and Phil did with their Plowshares actions, the more happens.

~ John Dear

Thursday, April 3  
Win and Callie Stone

What we need is hope. Our sense of hope has been defeated by rising expectations. Hope means trust in the goodness of nature. It is the desire to receive a gift from someone. Expectation is about claiming rights, results that are made and controlled by people. People have demands because they are no longer able to imagine something in their lives that an institution cannot create for them. We need to rediscover hope as a socially connecting and creative force.

~ Ivan Illich

## Friday, April 4

1968 :: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR ASSASSINATED, MEMPHIS, TN

We shall overcome because the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice. We shall overcome because Carlyle is right—no lie can live forever. We shall overcome because William Cullen Bryant is right—truth crushed to earth will rise again.

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.  
March 31, 1968, in his last Sunday sermon

## Saturday, April 5

Compassion is not a social façade. Compassion is not a sham designed to mask our essential self-centeredness. Compassion is the emotion that links us to those outside ourselves. It is the capacity for outreach. It enables us, it drives us, to go beyond ourselves to the beating pulse of the rest of the world. Compassion, then, is a dimension of what it means to be fully human.

~ Joan Chittister

## Sunday, April 6

We are invited to be sparked by the primordial fire from which we came. We ourselves are to become flames of love that burn away fear and bring the warmth of compassion to all creation.

~ Judy Cannato

## Monday, April 7

Radioactive materials from nuclear power plants, nuclear weapons production, the waste stream, medical procedures and the construction industry leak into the environment every day.

~ Bonnie Urfer

Tuesday, April 8

563 :: BIRTH OF THE BUDDHA

It is very clear that a thought of compassion, understanding and love has the power of healing: healing your body, healing your mind, and healing the world. Free will is possible, because you know that you can produce such a thought, with the help of the Buddha, with the help of your brother, your sister in the community.

~ Thich Nhat Hanh

Wednesday, April 9

1898 :: PAUL ROBESON BORN

A socialist society represents an advance to a higher stage of life, that is, a form of society which is economically, socially, culturally, and ethically superior to a system based upon production for private profit. History shows that the processes of social change have nothing in common with silly notions about “plots” and “conspiracies.” The development of human society—from tribalism to feudalism, to capitalism, to socialism—is brought about by the needs and aspirations of humankind for a better life.

~ Paul Robeson



Outside the federal courthouse in Knoxville, Michele Naar-Obed speaks to media following the sentencing of her husband Greg, Michael Walli and Meagn Rice for the July 28, 2012 Transform Now Plowshares action in Oak Ridge, TN; defense attorney Bill Quigley stands with Michele, listening.

Thursday, April 10  
Ruth Peoples

1930 :: DOLORES HUERTA BORN

1988 :: NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE AGREEMENT SIGNED

There is rather general agreement that one's willingness to be arrested, convicted and sentenced for his/her offense is a good indication of the justifiability of an act of civil disobedience. Acceptance of punishment for one's action is perhaps the most effective witness to the agent's responsibility both to the law and to fellow citizens. As Milton Konvitz has noted, submission to arrest and punishment is "just as essential to the person as the act of disobedience, for even as one breaks the law, one means at the same time to restore its wholeness."

However, it is a mistake to make willingness to be arrested and punished into an absolute criterion of moral justification for every case of civil disobedience. The disobedience itself might be an attempt to escape punishment or arrest. Dmitri Karamazov's plan to flee the country following the legal malfunction of being convicted and sentenced despite his innocence would be a case of escaping punishment and perhaps a justified one. It is also possible that legal injustice may be foreseen, as in the case where a black man is put on trial before a judge or jury who are avowedly white racists.

One author who has been most insistent upon the necessity of accepting punishment for an act of civil disobedience is former Justice Abe Fortas. Presumably, he would agree that even the fugitive slave "should be prepared to submit to prosecution by the state for violation of the law."

~ Robert T. Hall

## Friday, April 11

MAWLID AL-NABI, MUHAMMAD'S BIRTHDAY

1996 :: AFRICAN NATIONS BAN NUCLEAR WEAPONS

1963 :: *PACEM IN TERRIS*, JOHN XXIII ENCYCLICAL OPPOSES NUCLEAR WEAPONS

If nuclear abolition is to come about, the fundamental principle on which our present peace depends must be replaced by another, which declares that the true and solid peace of nations consists not in equality of arms but in mutual trust alone.

~ John XXIII

## Saturday, April 12

If they can get you asking the wrong questions, they don't have to worry about the answers.

~ Thomas Pynchon

## Sunday, April 13

1919 :: EUGENE DEBS IMPRISONED FOR WAR OPPOSITION

Loss and grief are inevitable. Growth is optional.

~ R. Scott Sullender

## Monday, April 14

1986 :: US BOMBS LIBYA

Let everything you do be done as if it makes a difference.

~ William James

## Tuesday, April 15

1889 :: A PHILIP RANDOLPH BORN

People take different roads seeking fulfillment and happiness. Just because they are not on your road doesn't mean they've gotten lost.

~ Dali Lama XIV

## Wednesday, April 16

Civil disobedience under a government which imprisons any unjustly, the true place for a just man is also a prison.

~ Henry David Thoreau



Thursday, April 17  
Mariah Fulton

1960 :: STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOUNDED, GREENSBORO, NC  
1961 :: US INVADES CUBA (BAY OF PIGS)

There are good moral reasons for favoring nonviolent methods over violent ones. Although nonviolence cannot be considered a necessary characteristic of all morally justified civil disobedience, it cannot be denied that illegal actions which do not harm the property or person of other members of a society are far less inclined to be interpreted as criminal than actions which do. Although there is never absolute assurance that the results of an act will leave the rights and interests of other intact, the intelligent direction of action toward this consequence (a nonviolent intent) is a primary and nearly undeniable mark of the moral intent of the agent. Reinhold Niebuhr reflects: "Nonviolent coercion and resistance is a type of coercion which offers the largest opportunities for a harmonious relationship with the moral and rational factors in social life."

~ Robert T. Hall

Friday, April 18

To protest is to say that something is wrong; resistance means trying to stop it. To protest is to raise your voice; to resist is to stand up with your body.

~ Jim Wallis

Saturday, April 19

1948 :: COSTA RICA ABOLISHES ARMY

There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children.

~ Nelson Mandela

Sunday, April 20

Albert Camus said in the aftermath of World War II that "Christians must speak out and utter their condemnation in such a way that never a doubt, never a single doubt, can arise in the heart of even the simplest person."

~ Steve Baggarly

Monday, April 21

One does not become compassionate without suffering.

~ Thomas Aquinas

Tuesday, April 22

EARTH DAY

Do you only care about your cow when it's giving you milk?

~ A rural proverb

Wednesday, April 23

Gravity and sadness yank us down, and hope gives us a nudge to help one another get back up or to sit with the fallen on the ground, in the abyss, in solidarity.

~ Annie Lamott

Thursday, April 24  
Gabriella Crowley

1965 :: US INVADES DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

My hear warms under snow;  
flowers with forsythia,  
japonica blooms, flowering quince,  
bridal wreath, blood root and violet;  
yellow running jasmin vine,  
cape jessamine and saucer magnolias:  
tulip-shaped, scenting lemon musk upon the air.  
My Mississippi spring—  
my warm loving heart a-fire  
with early greening leaves,  
dogwood branches laced against the sky;  
wild forest nature paths  
hearlding Resurreciton  
over and over again  
Easter morning of our living  
every Mississippi spring!

~ Margaret Walker

Friday, April 25

When you have a conflict, that means that there are truths that have to be addressed on each side of the conflict. And when you have a conflict, then it's an educational process to try to resolve the conflict. And to resolve that, you have to get people on both sides of the conflict involved so that they can dialogue.

~ Dolores Huerta

Saturday, April 26

All people dream, but not equally.  
Those who dream by night in the dusty recesses of their mind,  
Wake in the morning to find that it was vanity.  
But the dreamers of the day are dangerous people,  
For they dream their dreams with open eyes,  
and make them come true.

~ T.E. Lawrence

Sunday, April 27

Resistance is really an ongoing workshop. Something of a contemplative experience. I think we do resistance for its own value, not for its impact on the workers or its impact on the public, but just for what it does for me, the resister.

~ Paul Magno

Monday, April 28

1977 :: FIRST DEMONSTRATION OF MOTHERS OF THE DISAPPEARED, BUENOS AIRES

If you want to identify me ask me not where I live, or what I like to eat, or how I comb my hair, but ask me what I think I'm living for, in detail, and ask me what I think is keeping me from living fully for the thing I want to live for. Between those two answers you can determine the identity of a person.

~ Thomas Merton



Hope began with food in late February at the Gathering of Hope on the night before the Transform Now Plowshares sentencing hearing in Knoxville, TN. Here folks gather at the table at Church of the Savior to enjoy soup, salad and bread.

Tuesday, April 29

1915 :: WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM FOUNDED

It's the same way with resistance. You take personal responsibility for US policies in terms of their structural inequalities. An act of civil disobedience is one way, among many, of taking personal responsibility for the fact that our country possesses weapons of mass terror. In spite of the protection that our law enforcement agencies give to the whole system, you're still free to expose it, to speak truth about it, and to try to stop it, creatively and nonviolently

~ Paul Gallagher

Wednesday, April 30

1970 :: US INVADES CAMBODIA

1975 :: VIETNAM WAR ENDS WITH REUNIFICATION OF VIETNAM

Compared to what we ought to be, we are only half awake. Our fires are dampened, and drafts are checked, we are making use of only a small part of our mental and physical resources.

~ William James

Thursday, May 1  
Mark Womack

1830 :: MOTHER JONES BORN

Return me, o sun,  
to my wild destiny,  
rain of the ancient wood,  
bring me back the aroma and the swords  
that fall from the sky,  
the solitary peace of pasture and rock,  
the damp at the river margins,  
the smell of the larch tree,  
the wind alive like a heart  
beating in the crowded restlessness  
of the towering araucaria.

Earth, give me back your pure gifts,  
the towers of silence which rose  
from the solemnity of their roots.  
I want to go back to being what I have not been,  
and learn to go back from such deeps  
that amongst all natural things  
I could live or not live; it does not matter  
to be one stone more, the dark stone,  
the pure stone which the river bears away.

~ Pablo Neruda

Friday, May 2

The American way is to first feel good about yourself, and then feel good about others, but spiritual traditions say it's the other way around—that you develop a sense of goodness by giving of yourself.

~ Thomas Keating.

Saturday, May 3

1919 :: PETE SEEGER BORN

Nelson Mandela has this wonderful quote about our greatest fear being not that we're worthless, but that we're powerful and beautiful beyond our imaginations We're afraid of the responsibility that comes with that. We're responsible for the choices we make and we're not powerless to do things differently.

~ Jerry Berrigan

Sunday, May 4

1970 :: NATIONAL GUARDSMEN FIRE ON PEACE DEMONSTRATORS AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY; FOUR STUDENTS KILLED

There is no need for temples, no need for complicated philosophy. Our own brain, our own heart is our temple: The philosophy is kindness.

~ The Dalai Lama

Monday, May 5

1991 :: LAST CRUISE MISSILES REMOVED FROM GREENHAM COMMON BASE IN UK

Anyone who has made us suffer is undoubtedly suffering, too. We only need to follow our breathing and look deeply, and naturally we will see his/her suffering. If we see that, we will no longer blame that person for making us suffer, because we will know that he/she is a also a victim. To look deeply is to understand.

~ Thich Nhat Hanh

Tuesday, May 6

Those nuclear weapons are just gobs of metals, fashioned by human beings. They represent idols, but more deeply, I think they represent our own fears. Fears that keep us from engaging the world in a way that can bring about substantive change. And thinking about all of this confronts you with your fear of your own death and fear of God and how all these fears operate in our lives.

~ Paul Gallagher

Wednesday, May 7

You know, Gandhi said about Jan Smuts, the leader in South Africa: "He won't stop fighting because he has no more strength to fight, he'll stop fighting because he has no more heart to fight."

~ Char Madigan



**Bundled against the chilly February wind, we gathered outside the Howard Baker Center at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville for an informational picket preceding a presentation by the director of the Uranium Processing Facility, the \$19 billion bomb plant proposed for Oak Ridge, TN.**



Thursday, May 8  
Penny Gharanfoli

When I am very earnestly digging  
I lift my head sometimes, and look at the mountains,  
And muse upon them, muscles relaxing.

I think how freely the wild grasses flower there,  
How grandly the storm-shaped tress are massed in their gorges  
And the rain-worn rocks strewn in magnificent heaps.

Pioneer plants on those uplands find their own footing;  
No vigorous growth, there, is an evil weed:  
All weathers are salutary.

It is only a little while since this hillside  
Lay untrammelled likewise,  
Unceasingly swept by transmarine winds.

In a very little while it may be,  
When our impulsive limbs and our superior skulls  
Have to the soil restored several ounces of fertilizer,

The Mother of all will take charge again,  
And soon wipe away with her elements  
Our small fond human enclosures.

~ Mary Ursula Bethell

Friday, May 9

I'm all in favor of a free-speech zone. I think it should be the United States of America. This notion that there should be places where you can engage in free speech and places where you can't is totally antithetical to the Constitution.

~ Barney Frank

Saturday, May 10

1994 :: SOUTH AFRICA INAUGURATES PRESIDENT NELSON MANDELA

Our human compassion binds us the one to the other—not in pity or patronizingly, but as human beings who have learned how to turn our common suffering into hope for the future.

~ Nelson Mandela

Sunday, May 11

1998 :: INDIA CONDUCTS 3 UNDERGROUND THERMONUCLEAR TESTS

If most of us are ashamed of shabby clothes and shoddy furniture, let us be more ashamed of shabby ideas and shoddy philosophies. It would be a sad situation if the wrapper were better than the meat wrapped inside it.

~ Albert Einstein

Monday, May 12

Blind loyalty can become idolatry, despite its sincerity and high motives. It might seem wrong to criticize loyalty, but we can be too loyal; loyal to the point where our loyalty blinds us from seeing the real harm sometimes being done by those to whom we are uncritically giving that loyalty.

~ Ron Rolheiser

Tuesday, May 13

The search for truth is a lifelong pact with our inner lives that encompasses seeking the truth, speaking the truth, and living the truth—which is to say, letting our lives speak.

~ Robert L. Smith

Wednesday, May 14

1970 :: TWO STUDENTS KILLED IN ANTI-WAR PROTESTS AT JACKSON STATE

The Pentagon must be converted into the Natural Guard and used to help people and communities recover from severe weather. We know that the corporate oligarchy is arming itself in order to control coming population shifts due to climate change and increased competition for declining resources. The Pentagon today has the largest carbon boot print on the planet and more military will only worsen the situation.

~ Bruce Gagnon



**Millie Gimmel of the West Knox Friends Meeting, Jerry Bone of Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, and Judy Sullivan of Church of the Savior (UCC) stand with the Peacemaker Awards given to their congregations at OREPA's 2014 celebration.**

Thursday, May 15  
Betty Johnson

1958 :: JAPANESE STUDENTS PROTEST PACIFIC TESTING OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

It's This Way

I stand in the advancing light,  
my hands hungry, the world beautiful.

My eyes can't get enough of the trees—  
they're so hopeful, so green.

A sunny road runs through the mulberries,  
I'm at the window of the prison infirmary.

I can't smell the medicines—  
carnations must be blooming nearby.

It's this way:  
being captured is beside the point,  
the point is not to surrender.

~ Nazim Hikmet

Friday, May 16

Since the Earth is finite, and we will have to stop expanding sometime, should we do it before or after nature's diversity is gone?  
~ Danella Meadows

Saturday, May 17

1954 :: BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION RULING OUTLAWS SCHOOL SEGREGATION  
1968 :: CATONSVILLE 9 BURN DRAFT RECORDS IN VIETNAM WAR PROTEST

Creating the world we want is a much more subtle but more powerful mode of operation than destroying the one we don't want.  
~ Marianne Williamson

Sunday, May 18

1974 :: INDIA EXPLODES FIRST NUCLEAR WEAPON IN RAJASTHAN DESERT

Make no mistake, those who are unwilling to confront the past will be unable to understand the present and unfit to face the future.  
~ Bernard Lewis

Monday, May 19

1925 :: MALCOLM X BORN

We need more light about each other. Light creates understanding, understanding creates love, love creates patience, and patience creates unity.

~ Malcolm X

Tuesday, May 20

No person is your friend who demands your silence or denies your right to grow.

~ Alice Walker

Wednesday, May 21

Remember then; there is only one time that is important—  
Now! It is the most important time because it is the only time when we have any power.

~ Leo Tolstoy

Thursday, May 22  
Marietta Miller

1838 :: TRAIL OF TEARS FORCED MARCH OF CHEROKEES BEGINS; 4,000 WILL DIE

This is the grass your feet are planted on.  
You paint it orange or you sing it green,  
    But you have never found  
A way to make the grass mean what you mean.

A cloud can be whatever you intend:  
Ostrich or leaning tower or staring eye.  
    But you have never found  
A cloud sufficient to express the sky.

Get out there with your splendid expertise;  
Raymond who cuts the meadow does no less.  
    Inhuman nature says:  
Inhuman patience is the true success.

Human impatience trips you as you run;  
    Stand still and you must lie.  
It is the grass that cuts the mower down:  
It is the cloud that swallows up the sky.

~ Adrienne Rich

Friday, May 23

Jiddu Krishnamurti, one of the most revered spiritual teachers of this century, once asked a small group of listeners what they would say to a close friend who is about to die. Their answers dealt with assurances, words about beginnings and endings, and various gestures of compassion. Krishnamurti stopped them short. "There is only one thing you can say to give the deepest comfort. Tell him that in his death a part of you dies and goes with him. Wherever he goes, you go also; he will not be alone."

~ Larry Dossey

Saturday, May 24

We need others to help us embrace our true identity, our true self. If we only listen to our own story in a kind of solitary flight from the world, we can become so self-absorbed that we also become sick to our soul. This is why we need others to listen to our stories and we need to listen to the stories of others.

~ Joseph Nassal

Sunday, May 25

The beginning of love is to let those we love be perfectly themselves, and not to twist them to find our own image. Otherwise we love only the reflection of ourselves we find in them.

~ Thomas Merton

Monday, May 26

Certainly, the ways we respond to illness are numerous, extremely varied and impossible to foresee: we may experience dejection, rebellion, denial, bitterness, but other possible outcomes of illness are simplification, discovery of what is essential in life, refinement, and purification. In our illness we are called to accept responsibility for "assigning meaning" to our suffering.

~ Enzo Bianchi



**Church of the Savior was one of three recipients of this year's Peacemaker Awards; here church members gather at the March celebration in Knoxville with Pastor, John Gill, at left.**

Tuesday, May 27

This is what our love is—a sacred pattern of unbroken unity sewn flawlessly invisible inside all other images, thought, smells, and sounds.

~ Aberjhani

Wednesday, May 28

1967 :: MUHAMMAD ALI REFUSES INDUCTION INTO US ARMY

1961 :: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDED

1998 :: PAKISTAN TESTS THERMONUCLEAR WEAPONS

Pacifism has almost nothing to do with passivity, which is what it is often confused with. It has to do with courage, and it has to do with honesty. Honesty to the moment. It doesn't have to do with sitting back and not becoming involved but rather with the opposite—putting forth the truth and trying to be honest with ourselves in that process.

~ Pat Coy



Thursday, May 29  
Dave and Barb Corcoran

In the here and now, I've hardly ever met anybody guarding a missile who really believes in his job. Usually they don't even know what they're guarding. "Hell, man, I'm just doin' my job!" We don't have to worry about bad, evil people. We have to worry about people obeying orders. Even though people might feel squeamish, they do it anyway. For the most part, the people in the US military know their bread is buttered by the government. They're being exploited, but they're given a little piece of the action, just enough so they'll identify with the system.

~ Brian Terrell

Friday, May 30

When people from other countries learn that I've been to jail, they really resonate with it. To think that people in America, this "land of freedom," are willing to give up that freedom on behalf of the victims of their American culture. See, going to jail is one way of saying that this system only exists because we support it. It's not a given like air or water, it's something that we've created and it only perpetuates itself through our support. By risking arrest and going to jail, we remove ourselves from that support.

~ Steve Baggarly

Saturday, May 31

In these times of rapid sociological and technological transformation, nothing is more important than learning the skills of personal renewal.

~ M. J. Ryan



**Sunday vigils at the Y12 Nuclear Weapons Complex in Oak Ridge, TN, in March can be bitter cold or quite damp, but the weather does not deter vigilers.**

## The Latest: Secret Decisions About the UPF

The pricetag for the UPF, even after they cut out all the operations except bomb production, has gone up to \$19 billion.

The National Nuclear Security Administration, in response, has announced the formation of a secret “Red Team” to review the UPF plans and appointed Thom Mason, director of Oak Ridge National Lab, to head it. Mason has assembled a team with people from around the DOE weapons complex; their names are secret.

President Obama’s budget for *next* year (FY 2015) includes a \$10 million increase for the UPF—the President is asking for \$335 million for the bomb plant to nowhere. This projected funding does not take into account the Red Team Review—because the Red Team won’t report its findings before mid-April.

In the meantime, millions of dollars continue to be spent on the current design of the UPF even though the only thing we are reasonably certain of is the current design will not be built.

There is strong possibility that the fix is already in. The Red Team review is not the only process moving forward—in Congress, regular meetings are being held between Tennessee Senator Lamar Alexander, the ranking Republican on the Senate’s Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee (key to the funding of the UPF), Senator Dianne Feinstein, who chairs the subcommittee, and NNSA and contractor officials responsible for the UPF. It is likely they are also painting a picture of the UPF of the future—one they think is fundable.

There are billions of dollars riding on the outcome. Will the Red Team, composed of all team players, after all, include in its gallery of possibilities the painting that is being composed on the Senate E&W easel?

The fact that the Red Team has not asked for public input into their process does not preclude the public offering suggestions and comments. OREPA recommends people submit comments to the Red Team but suggests, in the interest of efficiency and efficacy, that comments be directed toward the Red Team mission—considering alternatives to the UPF.

We believe the UPF should prioritize the mission the US will need in 2030 (when the UPF comes on line)—dismantling nuclear weapons.

In the interest of openness and transparency, we ask that you copy anything you send to the Red Team to your elected representatives in the Senate and the House of Representatives, or to TN Senator Lamar Alexander who has staff tracking the UPF progress.

You can reach Thom Mason by email at [masont@ornl.gov](mailto:masont@ornl.gov) or by earthbound mail at:

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## Support for Transform Now Plowshares friends.

Michael Walli, Megan Rice and Greg Boertje Obed were sentenced to lengthy prison terms by Judge Amul Thapar for their action at the Y12 Nuclear Weapons Complex in Oak Ridge—they were protesting the ongoing production of nuclear weapons at Oak Ridge and the plans to build a new bomb plant, the \$19 billion Uranium Processing Facility at Y12.

Many people have asked what they can do to support Greg, Megan and Michael. Some have started a petition seeking a presidential commutation of their sentences. Megan, Greg and Michael have asked people to do something harder and more important to support them and their action—work to stop nuclear weapons production and the UPF.

You can find out more about what can be done now at OREPA's web site: [www.orepa.org](http://www.orepa.org), and you can support OREPA's work with a tax deductible contribution sent to P O Box 5743, Oak Ridge, TN 37831.

You can also write the prisoners. Current information/addresses can be found at [www.transformnowplowshares.wordpress.org](http://www.transformnowplowshares.wordpress.org)—click on the green button that says: Write the Prisoners.

Michael Walli has been sent to McKean federal prison in Bradford Pennsylvania, and Greg Boertje-Obed is in Leavenworth, Kansas.

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Gregory Boertje-Obed, 08052-016  
USP Leavenworth  
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Megan Rice is currently in Brooklyn, NY in a facility that is listed as a transit center, but is apparently being used to hold prisoners bound for Danbury while renovations are taking place at the camp there. Information on Megan's whereabouts will be kept current on the [transformnowplowshares.wordpress.com](http://transformnowplowshares.wordpress.com) website. Her address for now:

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