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**DELIVERING THE NUCLEAR BAN TREATY TO NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS MEMBERS  
OF CONGRESS TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS:  
LOCAL RESIDENTS CELEBRATE TREATY'S ENTRY INTO FORCE**

January 22, 2021, will be a historic day for nuclear weapons. On that day the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons will enter into force, establishing in international law a categorical ban on nuclear weapons, seventy-five years after their development and first use.

The momentous occasion will be marked by actions, events, and celebrations around the globe and across the United States.

In Dallas, representatives of The Peace Farm, Dallas Pax Christi, and the Dallas Peace and Justice will mark the historic day by delivering copies of the treaty in person to 6 Texas State Congressional offices.

“Right now, the Treaty does not legally apply to the United States,” said Lon Burnam, “because we have not signed or ratified it. But that does not mean we will not be feeling the moral force of the Treaty. All nuclear weapons, including the 3,900 in the US stockpile, have been declared unlawful by the international community.”

The effort to deliver copies of the Treaty to congressional offices in Dallas is just one of many events happening around the country. At nuclear weapons production sites in Tennessee, Kansas City, New Mexico and California, banners declaring NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE ILLEGAL will be hung on fences at the plant entrance. University campuses that are engaged in support activities for weapons production will be asked to reconsider their activities. Churches will ring their bells.

“The entry into force of the Treaty is a turning point,” said Mavis Belisle. “On the one hand, it is the end of a long process to outlaw nuclear weapons. On the other hand, it is just the beginning of a new movement to confront nuclear weapons states and demand they lift the dark shadow of nuclear annihilation that has loomed over the world for the last seventy-five years.”

For more information on other activities, see the facebook page Nuclear Ban Treaty EIF and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) events page at [www.icanw.org/events](http://www.icanw.org/events). For more information on local activities, contact: Lon Burnam, (817) 721-5846.

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