

# Churches say NO to Nuclear Weapons

## **Church of Scotland & Catholic Church in Scotland:**

Renewal of Trident is contrary to the objectives of the Non-Proliferation Treaty

## **Pope Francis:**

NUCLEAR  
DETERRENCE  
CANNOT BE  
THE BASIS FOR  
AN ETHIC OF  
FRATERNITY  
AND PEACEFUL  
CO-EXISTENCE.

## **Church Leaders to The Times:**

"THE GOVERNMENT  
MUST TAKE A LEAD -  
CANCELLING TRIDENT  
WOULD BE A  
MOMENTOUS STEP -  
BRITAIN CAN  
LEAD THE WAY."

## **Baptist Union of Great Britain:**

We will never  
achieve peace  
with a  
defence policy  
built on fear.

## **Quakers in Britain:**

CONDEMN  
UNRESERVEDLY  
THE POSSESSION  
OF NUCLEAR  
WEAPONS AND  
THE POLICY OF  
DETERRENCE

## **Archbishop of Canterbury, 2006:**

These weapons  
are intrinsically  
indiscriminate in  
their lethal effects  
and their long-term  
impact on  
a whole physical  
environment would  
be horrendous...

## **All Churches in Wales & the Society of Friends:**

REPLACEMENT  
OF TRIDENT  
IS A DENIAL  
OF OUR TREATY  
OBLIGATIONS

## **Rachel Lampard, Vice- President of Methodist Conference:**

It is scandalous  
that the UK  
Government has  
consistently  
opposed  
opportunities for  
discussion on  
multilateral  
disarmament.

## **Moderator of the Church of Scotland**

Attempts to  
sustain peace  
through the threat  
of indiscriminate  
mass destruction  
could not be  
further from the  
peace to which  
Christ calls us.

## **All RC bishops in Scotland:**

USE OF WEAPONS  
OF MASS  
DESTRUCTION  
WOULD BE A CRIME  
AGAINST GOD  
AND HUMANITY.

## **Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales :**

THE UK IS AT A  
MORAL CROSSROADS  
- AN OPPORTUNITY  
FOR DEFENCE  
WITHOUT THE  
THREAT OF  
NUCLEAR  
DESTRUCTION 2006

## **Archbishop of Canterbury 2010 (Rowan Williams)**

I find myself  
baffled ... why we  
need a more  
expensive way of  
unaccountable  
slaughter...

## **Baptist, Methodist & U.R.C. leaders:**

Replacing Trident  
flies in the face  
of commitments  
made to the  
non-proliferation  
treaty.

## **Paul Parker, Recording Clerk of Quakers in Britain:**

We see that of God  
in everyone. This  
means we cannot  
threaten others  
with weapons of  
mass destruction

## **Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales:**

We ask  
Parliament  
to reflect that  
the use of  
nuclear weapons  
can never be  
justified.

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## **Church of England**

The proposed  
upgrading of Trident  
is contrary to the  
spirit of the UK's  
obligations in  
international law and  
the ethical principles  
underpinning them.

*Synod Resolution GS 1644, 2007*