

ABOLITION 2000
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
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World Council of Churches
150 Rte de Ferney, Geneva Switzerland

The Abolition 2000 Global Network to Eliminate Nuclear Weapons held its 16th Annual General Meeting in Geneva, Switzerland on 16 September 2011. Hosted by the World Council of Churches, more than 50 participants from 17 countries (Austria, France, Japan, USA, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland, India, UK, Sweden, Canada, Germany, Malaysia, Bolivia, Italy, Australia, Hungary), representing dozens of organizations, took part in the all-day meeting. [List of participants, Annex I]

Goals of the Meeting

Following a warm welcome from Jonathan Frerichs of the World Council of Churches and a symbolic lighting of the Abolition torch by Mayra Gomez, participants introduced themselves and shared their goals for the meeting. As summarized by the facilitators, Jackie Cabasso (USA, Western States Legal Foundation) and Susi Snyder (Netherlands, IKV Pax Christi), they were:

- Sharing information and learning from each other; strengthening and empowering the network by finding new ways to work together, getting more people involved and enrolling new groups.
- Goals identified by the Coordinating Committee were: to recognize the distinction between Abolition 2000 and the various campaigns its members are engaged in; to highlight the function of the network as a place where many groups and campaigns come together; to identify and fill in gaps where they may exist; to serve as an incubator for new projects and campaigns for the coming year; and to increase the use and visibility of the new electronic newsletter.

The facilitators stressed that Abolition 2000 is a network, guided by [Operating Principles](#) which apply to participation in the network in general as well as this meeting. They noted that the network typically does not require complete unity at its Annual General Meetings, but if a decision is required, consensus is sought. If consensus cannot be reached, we fall back to a super-majority vote; one representative from each organization present can vote.

Brief Overview of Abolition 2000 (our story)

Alice Slater (USA, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation) presented a brief history of Abolition 2000 and circulated the [Abolition 2000 Founding Statement](#), which was drafted at the NPT Review and Extension Conference in 1995 in response to the lack of action from states. Abolition 2000 has grown to be a network of over 2000 organisations that agree to support its founding statement. At its 1997 AGM in Tahiti, on the one year anniversary of the last French nuclear test, Abolition 2000 adopted the [Moorea Declaration on colonization](#), and in 2000, adopted the [Saffron-Walden Declaration on Corporate Globalization](#). Successes of the network have included:

- Launching a group of international lawyers, scientists and activists who drafted a [Model Nuclear Weapons Convention](#) that was accepted as an official UN document in 1997 and updated in 2007.
- Recognizing the inextricable link between nuclear weapons and nuclear power, and working with environmentalists to establish the [International Renewable Energy Agency \(IRENA\)](#).

Report from the Coordinating Committee

Susi Snyder reported on behalf of the Coordinating Committee (CC) and the Secretariat

- Susi thanked the AGM for its feedback last year in terms of improving communication within the network. The CC meets every month by conference call, and the focus this year has been to better connect with the Global Council and working groups.
- Since January of this year, the CC has been producing a more or less monthly e-newsletter highlighting what's happening across the network, distributed to around 2,700 individuals. Alyn Ware, Mayra Gomez and Susi Snyder are the editorial team.
- The Global Council currently has 67 geographically diverse individuals represented on it, in their personal capacity. There is always an ebb and flow; new people join, some people leave.
- The Global Council issues statements from time to time. Earlier this year, the CC facilitated a statement on Fukushima on behalf of the Global Council.
- An international Abolition 2000 Caucus listserv reaches 465 individuals, including 53 new ones since the last AGM. It is an open listserv for discussion and dissemination of information, and also functions as a great news feed! (There are also some national Abolition 2000 list serves.)
- Susi and Xanthe Hall (Germany, IPPNW) have been working on the Abolition 2000 Europe site and they welcome new content (Rideau manages the global website, see below).
- There have been challenges in trying to get some of the working groups started and ensuring they are active; some haven't been as effective as the CC had hoped
 - At last year's AGM, a working group was created on the Arctic Nuclear Weapons Free Zone; volunteers were found, and there was great enthusiasm, but they have not met.
 - Translation and new media working groups also did not take off as was hoped; these should be discussed anew.
 - The de-alerting working group has been very active.

Report from the Secretariat [Full Report from the Secretariat, Annex II]

- Since the last AGM in May 2010, the Secretariat has been housed by Pax Christi USA, but its responsibilities have been split between Pax Christi and the Rideau Institute in Canada (the previous Abolition 2000 Secretariat). Pax Christi organizes the CC conference calls and fundraising efforts, and is the formal home of the Secretariat. The Rideau Institute continues to manage most of the electronic side of the network, including the website.
- The Secretariat has some thoughts about how to fundraise better, and why it is so challenging. This year's fundraising letter raised \$930 and 1000 Euro, plus a grant for \$2000
- The network and the CC/Secretariat is entirely volunteer based

Our network: Thematic Reports from **Abolition 2000 Working Groups and Affiliated Networks and Campaigns** [Complete raw notes from Thematic Reports, Annex III]

Contact presenters for more information or to get involved.

Depleted Uranium – Alyn Ware (New Zealand, many organizations).

The International Campaign to Ban Uranium Weapons (ICBUW) has largely taken up this issue. Key developments: Nov 6 is international day of action against uranium weapons; uranium weapons have been banned by Costa Rica, Belgium and New Zealand. See <http://www.bandepleteduranium.org>

De-Alerting -- Dominique Lalanne (France, Armes Nucléaires STOP)

This Abolition 2000 working group was established at last year's AGM to raise public awareness that within 15 minutes the world could be destroyed by nuclear weapons. Key developments: The working group drafted a letter that was sent to the heads of states of the P5 before their June meeting in Paris. There was an impact, because the P5 decided to not talk about de-alerting. We want to organize in each nuclear weapon state to push countries to support de-alerting as a first step towards a Nuclear Weapons Convention.

Energy -- Alice Slater (USA, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation) and Lucas Wirl (Germany, IALANA/INES)

There are actually two Abolition 2000 working groups – sustainable energy and nuclear energy. Key developments: The nuclear energy group started last year was going to write an appeal linking nuclear energy and weapons for the 25 anniversary of Chernobyl, however there were challenges and this was not entirely successful. It was suggested the two groups merge under the heading “Energy.”

Youth -- Christian Ciabanu (Switzerland, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation) and Martin Heinrichs (Germany, BANg Europe)

Key developments: a youth conference was held in February 2011 on nuclear disarmament; a Hiroshima survivor was the key speaker at this Geneva conference. BANg has applied for a grant to send a youth delegation to the next NPT PrepCom in Vienna. Regina Hagen might bring students from two universities to the PrepCom.

Mayors for Peace -- Aaron Tovish (Austria, Mayors for Peace)

Key developments: Membership has reached 5000 Mayors! One of the accomplishments of Abolition 2000 is its part in transforming Mayors for Peace from a sleepy organization to a full-force campaign. Emphasis now will be on quality, not quantity; appeal to Abolition 2000 for help going forward; looking for more 20/20 Vision Campaigners. We have good working relationships with PNND, but need to develop new strategic alliances with “outside” groups such as the Red Cross. With a new mayor of Hiroshima as our new President, next steps in the 2020 Vision Campaign will be decided at the Mayors for Peace executive/leadership meeting in Spain in November.

Parliamentarians for Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament (PNND) – Alyn Ware (PNND)

PNND was established in 2003 by the Middle Powers Initiative, as governments were backing away from the 13 steps to nuclear disarmament; purpose was to get parliamentarians to lobby

their governments to uphold their obligations. PNND is non-partisan and does not put forward policy; parliamentarians are encouraged to create policy, then share and disseminate through the network. Key developments: PNND currently has 800 members; has set a goal of 2012 members by the end of 2012. This will require a big enrolment campaign; Alice Slater is the convener of a new Abolition 2000 PNND working group to support this effort.

Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space - Dave Webb (UK, CND)

The Global Network was established to link grassroots organizations that work against the militarization and weaponization of space. Key developments: the annual meeting in June, held in Providence, Rhode Island, USA, was successful. In February 2012, the Global Network will meet on Jeju Island in South Korea to support the efforts of local residents to resist the building of a large military base, supported by the United States; will stop in Hawaii to support a group that is organizing to oppose the testing of missiles in the Pacific Ocean. October 1-8, 2011 is Keep Space for Peace Week; will focus on drones.

Divestment -- Tim Wright (Australia, ICAN)

IKV Pax Christi coordinates the international cluster munitions divestment campaign. Hoping to produce something similar on nuclear weapons; there is a process ongoing to develop an effective network of people working in their countries to find out how much their countries are investing in the 20-30 companies around the world that produce the elements of nuclear weapons, and put pressure on financial institutions to divest. Key developments: There is a real opportunity to shock the public because people don't know that their countries are involved. When it was discovered that Australian companies were investing in nuclear weapons companies, it was front page news; there is great potential for this to be replicated around the world. A number of ICAN campaign hubs have commissioned a study on this, to be released in early 2012.

Citizens Weapons Inspections -- Susi Snyder (Netherlands, IKV Pax Christi)

There have been actions at a number of bases in Europe, especially the Kleine Brogel base in Belgium. See what the Bombspotting crews are doing:

<http://www.vredesactie.be/campaign.php?id=12>

Indigenous Peoples -- Mayra Gomez (Bolivia/New Zealand, PNND, ALP, IPB)

Indigenous peoples around the world have been some of the hardest hit by the nuclear chain. The Abolition 2000 [Moorea Declaration](#) is a foundational document. There are good intentions but there hasn't been much of a structure developed; would like to see follow up on this issue. Mayra offered to liaise between indigenous groups and Abolition 2000.

International Humanitarian Law -- Alyn Ware (New Zealand, IALANA) and George Farebrother (UK, World Court Project)

Last April, the President of the International Committee of the Red Cross issued a statement that nuclear weapons are fundamentally incompatible with international humanitarian law (IHL); Switzerland made sure this point was included in the NPT RevCon final outcome document. Key developments: Alan reported that based on this principle, a February 2011 meeting in Vancouver produced the "[Vancouver Declaration, Law's Imperative for the Urgent Achievement of a Nuclear Weapon Free World](#)." The Vancouver Declaration is gaining traction. New Zealand parliamentarians just received copies; this might be something people want to encourage within their own countries. George reported that based on the supremacy of IHL, there is a new popular education campaign focused on the criminality of the use of nuclear weapons. The main tool in

an affirmation for individuals to sign. See www.nuclearweapons-warcrimes.org. George proposed to re-establish an Abolition 2000 working group on International Humanitarian Law.

Delegitimizing Deterrence -- Jackie Cabasso (USA, Western States Legal Foundation)
We will not get rid of nuclear weapons until deterrence is de-legitimized and discredited; deterrence is the continuing *raison d'être* for the maintenance and modernization of nuclear weapons by the nuclear weapons states. Key developments: In February 2011 the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation held a conference called The Dangers of Deterrence. The conference produced a sign-on, "[Reject Nuclear Deterrence: An Urgent Call to Action](#)." This hasn't been actively mobilized around, but it offers an entry-point into the discussion. Not sure if starting another working group is the way to go, but Jackie offered to be point person on this issue.

Nuclear Weapon Free Zones -- Akira Kawasaki (Japan, Peace Boat)
The agreement to hold a conference on the establishment of a Middle East Nuclear Weapon Free Zone (NWFZ) is a major success from last year's NPT RevCon. Key developments: The Peace Boat "Horizon 2012" project brought together representatives from many middle eastern countries to discuss how civil society could help ensure a successful conference. They identified the need for more education of civil society. [Read the report here](#). The next round of meetings on the Peace Boat will take place around March 2012. In North-East Asia, there is a long history of civil society advocacy for a Nuclear Weapon Free Zone. Key developments: In August, more than 100 Japanese mayors sent a letter to the Japanese government urging it to help establish this NWFZ. Question now is how to promote this, and what the next steps are. Other areas with potential are southeast Asia, the arctic, and the Mediterranean, including North Africa. An Abolition 2000 NWFZ working group was created a few years ago, initiated by Mayors for Peace and PNND. Even though it no longer exists, it opened many doors.

Radiation and the World Health Organisation (WHO) -- Allison Katz (Independent WHO)
The WHO is not independent from the nuclear industry in terms of radiation and health. There is no international health authority to whom the world's people can turn on this critical question. In questions of radiation and health, the IAEA takes precedence, even though it has no mandate to do so. WHO doesn't even have a radiation department. Independent WHO has been holding a silent peaceful protest in front of the WHO for 5 years to draw attention to this problem. Their angle is public health; if the people of the world knew that possibly 1 million people have died as a result of Chernobyl, as reported in a study by independent Russian scientists published by the New York Academy of Sciences, the debate on nuclear weapons/energy would end. See <http://www.independentwho.org>

Nuclear Weapons Convention -- Alyn Ware (New Zealand, coordinator of Abolition 2000 Nuclear Weapons Convention working group)
The Nuclear Weapons Convention working group was one of the first Abolition 2000 working groups, based on the first item of the Abolition 2000 founding statement; there are about 25 members. This is a place for liaison, dialogue, strategy and discussion, helping to link together the various campaigns that are working towards a nuclear weapons convention, and promoting a NWC at NPT PrepComs and RevCons. Key developments: Out of this group, the Model Nuclear Weapons Convention was drafted; the updated 2007 version was used by Ban Ki-moon in his 5 point plan. Working with the Middle Powers Initiative and Mayors for Peace, now pushing for a forum to push the framework for a NWC forward. The new Nuclear Abolition Forum will be launched on October 21 in New York. A website and online publication, we're looking for collaboration and new material.

Obstacles and Opportunities for Nuclear Abolition [Full notes, Annex IV]
Lunchtime Public Forum: Co-hosted with the World Conference of Churches

Panelists - Obstacles

Regina Hagen (Germany, INESAP): Missiles and Missile Defenses

Jackie Cabasso (USA, Western States Legal Foundation): Modernization (of nuclear weapons and delivery systems)

Alice Slater (USA, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation): The inextricable link between nuclear power and nuclear weapons

Panelists - Opportunities

Alyn Ware (New Zealand, IALANA): Nuclear Weapons Convention

Tim Wright (Australia, ICAN): International Humanitarian Law

Akira Kawasaki (Japan, Peace Boat): Regional Prohibitions of Nuclear Weapons

Moderator

Mayra Gomez (New Zealand/Bolivia, IPB, PNND)

Fukushima Update [Full notes, Annex V]

Akira Kawasaki (Japan, Peace Boat) and Reiko Asato (Japan, Gensuikyo)

Breakout Groups and Discussion of New Proposals; Report Backs

1) Energy and Radiation – including proposal to combine sustainable energy with nuclear energy into one working group

- Developed a list of emails, decided on how they would communicate
- Discussed combining the energy and radiation groups; agreed to connect the issues – nuclear fuel chain and sustainable energy promotion (IRENA)
- Discussed the mode of operations, via email, and importance of communication with Abolition 2000 (reporting events to be included in the newsletter with photographs, when available) and communication with other constituencies
- Promotion of joint delegations with leadership of anti-nuclear energy organizations and anti-nuclear weapons organizations
- Eventually set up a website linking energy and weapons, with interactive maps and information, as an educational tool
- Xanthe Hall (Germany, IPPNW) has a project in Germany that can contribute; is developing brochures and planning a conference in August 2012

Proposal: Combine the Sustainable Energy and Nuclear Chain (Radiation) working groups. Lucas Wirl and Mayra Gomez will serve as co-conveners. Mayra will draft a statement in support of the march of aboriginal people taking place in Perth, Australia on behalf of the working group.

2) International Humanitarian Law and Delegitimizing Deterrence – including discussion of setting up a new working group

- George Farebrother and Roslyn Cook volunteered to serve as co-conveners
- The group will also work with youth and new media
- The first priority item on the agenda for the group will be to develop a strategy, with a political element, to move this tool/tactic forward

Proposal: Establish a new/renewed Abolition 2000 working group on International Humanitarian Law (IHL), that will work to link IHL and delegitimizing deterrence, including extended deterrence. George Farebrother and Roslyn Cook will serve as co-conveners. The group proposes that a future edition of the new Nuclear Abolition Forum be dedicated to deterrence and unpacking what it really means.

3) Nuclear Weapons Convention, PNND and Mayors for Peace

- Discussed what the Nuclear Weapons Convention (NWC) is; people confuse the model convention and a treaty; emphasized that the model convention helped to revitalize the abolition movement and also that the convention was referred to as such in Ban Ki-Moon's 5 points plan
- How to implement the NWC? What process?
 - Suggestion that CD would be replaced by the UN First Committee
 - Looking for leadership – who could take this forward? The Non-Aligned Movement, the NWFZ movement? (meeting in 2015 – how to encourage them to do it earlier?)
 - Emphasize the role of the global movement for abolition, the various constituencies and Organizations. How to reinforce PNND and Mayors for Peace?
 - How efficient can parliamentarians/mayors be in pushing this initiative forward?
 - Joint action in Germany pushed the government there. Pressure on the governments of Sweden, Iceland and Norway resulted in their support for the UN resolution on a NWC.
 - Mayors for Peace and PNND should continue to be mutually supportive. These networks can make a difference!
- There is an ongoing Abolition 2000 NWC working group that Alyn Ware convenes.

4) Youth and Indigenous People – including discussion of setting up a new working group

- Shared information and projects related to the participation of both of these groups. What unites these two groups?
 - Both groups suffer from a lack of representation in the international arena
 - Indigenous people are the first victims of the nuclear fuel chain, and youth are the future
- Defining the mission for a joint working group:
 - Create a space for youth and indigenous people to speak with their own voices, have their voices heard
 - Outreach to youth and indigenous peoples
 - Communication and coordination of associations
 - We already have an established group of young people, BANg, and other similar groups. Why aren't these groups here? Important for Abolition 2000 to demonstrate willingness to work with these existing constituencies. We need to link in the youth wings of existing movements.
 - Contribute to the Abolition 2000 newsletter with stories, information, photographs, etc, with the relevant issues from each group
 - Ensure we are actually communicating with these constituencies
 - Develop new projects and initiatives, by gathering together youth and indigenous peoples
 - International youth day and international indigenous people day happen within 4 days of each other in August; would like to organize activities around these days

Proposal: Establish a new Youth and Indigenous People Abolition 2000 working group. Mayra Gomez and Mirko Montuori volunteer to serve as co-conveners.

5) Divestment and Disarmament for Development – including discussion of setting up a new working group

- Discussed initiatives to deal with both the private sector and the public sector
- 2nd Global Day of Action to Cut Military Spending will take place next year, possibly linking with the Rio summit. We need to make this information available to the wider population; there is an educational aspect to be completed here
- Proposal that there be a new Economic working group
 - Note that ICAN has a very similar group that works on this issue; we need to have the conversation about how Abolition 2000 works with ICAN
- Chance to engage the whole range of civil society in this issue

Proposal: Establish a new “Economic Dimensions” Abolition 2000 working group. Colin Archer and Jasna Bastic volunteer to serve as co-conveners.

6) Space and Missiles

- Need for a missile ban, space weapon ban and a new anti-ballistic weapons treaty
- There have been efforts in this field for years, but they have stalled because there have been no scientists and people who are experts in the field available to help draft model conventions.
- People who have drafted various model treaties in the past are still around and still sympathetic but no longer active in the movement
- We should try to reach out to university professors and scientists, Pugwash members, etc, to see if they would be willing to recruit students to write their Masters or PhD theses on this set of issues
- Alice Slater volunteered to draft a two page paper to circulate to people who are still sympathetic to the cause to get their opinion on this proposal

Affirmations of Proposals for New Working Groups

The plenary affirmed the establishment of the following new Abolition 2000 working groups.

1) Energy (to combine and replace the old sustainable energy and nuclear chain working groups). *Co-conveners: Mayra Gomez (New Zealand/Bolivia, IPB and PNND) and Luca Wirl (Germany, IALANA and INES); Alice Slater (USA, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation has been added as a third co-convenor)

2) International Humanitarian Law and De-legitimizing Deterrence. *Co-conveners: George Farebrother and Roslyn Cook (both World Court Project, UK)

3) Youth and Indigenous People (should not duplicate the efforts of BANg, but connect the various groups together). *Co-conveners: Mayra Gomez (New Zealand/Bolivia, IPB and PNND) and Mirko Montuori (Italy, University of Salerno)

4) Economic Dimensions (includes divestment; needs to explore relationship with similar ICAN working group). *Co-conveners: Jasna Bastic (Switzerland, Peace Boat) and Colin Archer (Switzerland/UK IPB)

****Working group conveners are asked to check in with the Coordinating Committee at least every two months, to at a minimum report that the working groups exist and are active.***

- This could be done by feeding information into the Abolition 2000 newsletter or posting reports to the Abolition Caucus listserv
- There is no standard requirement for conduct of working groups. They can hold conference call, facilitate e-mail conversations, etc. – as long as they are active!

Abolition 2000 Membership, Outreach and Fundraising

- Enrolment cards: Everyone was asked to sign themselves up, as an affirmation of their participation in Abolition 2000, and to take cards back with them
- Fundraising: the letter that went out before this meeting asked that organizations donate 1% of their annual budgets to Abolition 2000.
 - There are no dues to be part of Abolition 2000; Abolition 2000 offers groups a way to be part of an international effort
 - We should research whether there is an international foundation that Abolition 2000 could submit a grant application to. It would be helpful to be able to pay for staff (for later discussion).
 - If there are 2000 organizations, and each gives \$10, that's enough to hire a part-time staff member. Some groups will only be able to give \$5, others \$50.
- E-Newsletter: This is a great outreach tool. ****Please send information that could be included in the newsletter to Alyn Ware, Mayra Gomez or Susi Snyder.*** The newsletter is sent through an external email program, easy to subscribe and unsubscribe.
 - Questions have arisen about the unilingual nature of the newsletter. It was suggested that suggestion if there are articles in French, they can be included in French only. This is not a full solution, but can help move towards a multilingual newsletter
 - It was suggested that Google translation can be used to make the newsletters potentially readable for those speaking another language
 - What about having two newsletters? One in French and one in English.
- Translation: *Tony Robinson (Hungary, World Without Wars and Violence) volunteered to put in some time as part of a translation team. Others volunteered to help with translation as possible: Lucas Wirl (Germany, IALANA and INES), Xanthe Hall (Germany, IPPNW); and Aaron Tovish (Austria, Mayors for Peace) and the 2020 Vision Campaign volunteers.
- Social media: Xanthe Hall (Germany, IPPNW) volunteered to convene a working group. Others volunteered to join: Susi Snyder (Netherlands, IKV Pax Christi), Roslyn Cook (UK, World Project), Christian Ciobanu (Switzerland, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation), Mayra Gomez (Bolivia/New Zealand, IPB and PNND), and Lauren Hunter (Canada, Rideau Institute)
 1. Suggested Twitter hashtag: #a2000.

Affirmation of the Global Council and Coordinating Committee

These are volunteer positions, so we ask the group to affirm the service of Coordinating Committee and Global Council members for the next year; also to bring up any objections.

- Coordinating Committee
 - New Pax Christi Secretariat representative: Taylor Reese (ex-officio)
 - Leaving this year: Nina Eisenhart (Germany, BANg), Pierre Villard (France, Le Mouvement de la Paix), Manuel Padilla (USA, Pax Christi Secretariat)

- Joining this year: Lauren Hunter (Canada, Rideau Institute)
- Regina Hagen will talk to Nina about coordinating with the BANg networks to suggest a new youth representative, and Abolition 2000 will accept a new youth representative on the Coordinating Committee
- Continuing: Jackie Cabasso, Mayra Gomez, Steve Staples (Canada, Rideau Institute) , Alyn Ware, Alice Slater, Tim Wright, Susi Snyder, Dominique LaLanne, Akira Kawasaki
- Nominated: Sophie Morel (France, Sortir du Reseau Nucleaire), if she agrees
- The plenary affirmed the service of those named above

It was noted that CND, Gensuikyo, Movement de la Paix are all major organizations in the Abolition 2000 network, and are not represented on the Coordinating Committee. However, in the past the CC has been understood to not have to be representative of the whole network.

- Global Council
 - There are close to 70 people on the Council, internationally-representative
 - Over time, some of the members haven't been very active; the CC would like to see members of the Council be more active
 - The CC has drafted a "job" description for Global Council (GC) members
 - The GC is made up of individuals, not representatives of organizations
 - GC members are expected to be active with Abolition 2000
 - GC members are encouraged to serve as advisors and ambassadors for Abolition 2000, and work with Abolition 2000 groups in their regions and thematic areas
 - We need to hear from GC members at least annually. GC members are expected to check in with or respond to the CC at least once a year (respond to a draft statement, contribute to the e-newsletter, or some other way)
 - GC members are expected to abide by the [Abolition 2000 Operating Principles](#)
 - The CC will circulate this job description to the current GC members and find out if they want to continue to serve
- Nominations for new GC members:
 - Magnus Løvold, Norway (ICAN)
 - Kevin McBride, New Zealand (Pax Christi)
 - Ray Acheson, Canada (Reaching Critical Will/ WILPF)
 - Dave Webb, UK (CND)
 - The plenary affirmed the service of the new nominees

Next AGM date and location

Due to time constraints, this discussion was delegated to the CC. Please send along suggestions!