

We are from the Pacific Life Community, a group organized by faith to abolish nuclear weapons. We are here today in grievance and repentance for the destructive actions we have complacently allowed to happen in our world. March 11, marks the third year of the continuing flow of radiated water pouring from the nuclear facility in Fukushima, Japan, into the Pacific Ocean. We are here today as conscientious objectors to the continued growth and risk of every kind of nuclear disaster.

It is our collective responsibility to prevent our involvement in the spread of nuclear injury and it is our legal responsibility to uphold the obligations prudently set by the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty. Seeing the disaster that has emerged from nuclear engineering through Fukushima, Hiroshima, Nagasaki, Rongelap, and many other areas, including the Nevada National Security Site, we are obligated to transform this tragedy into a beautiful sustainability for our world.

To do this we all must accept our responsibility to turn the direction of the Department of Energy into one that is healthy for everyone. There is no one who can do this better than those who work with the Department of Energy, the workers who have the experience and knowledge of this organization and their own good personal potential to make a change for the better. We stand in unity with the workers to conscientiously object to the continuous contribution to nuclear disaster, by directing the Department of Energy to creatively use the skills and talents of these workers in areas that will preserve life and not death, that will illuminate clean energy without nuclear radiation. We urge workers to organize and advocate this change to create jobs that bring hope and create stewardship that will lift the heavy weight of despair that will only fall onto the shoulders of our children if we do not overcome this burden. Please join us in this effort.