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5:30 pm - Walker Park Pavilion  
**Hiroshima Nagasaki Day**

**Sunday August 11  
Potluck Picnic  
and Program**

**Fire From  
The Sky: Aerial Warfare and its Moral  
Consequences**



Genbaku (A Bomb) Dome, Hiroshima, and Predator drone

This year there's a new format for Hiroshima Nagasaki Day to encourage new participation. We want to make a clear connection between old-thinking where atomic bombs could be dropped on civilians in 1945, and today when unmanned drones can be fired on shadowy enemies that turn out to be civilians, or used to threaten and spy on minority and dissenting voices.

Potluck picnic starts at 5:30 at Walker Park Pavilion. Please bring a picnic dish to share, and your own dishes and flatware if you can. We'll have some available for those who don't bring theirs. OMNI will provide beverages

Program begins at 6:00 with an annual Proclamation and comments from Mayor Lioneld Jordan, music by Kelly Mulhollan and Warren Dietzel, poetry by Leah Gold and Vela Giri, and local speakers with good thinking about violence in our culture, and how the Hiroshima / Nagasaki bombs are connected to present reality.

OMNI Center  
**Statement on Trayvon Martin**



**Statement on the Shooting of Trayvon Martin and Gun Violence**

July 18, 2013

The OMNI Center for Peace, Justice, & Ecology strongly condemns the horrific killing of Trayvon Martin and the acquittal of his murderer George Zimmerman which was allowed by the very flawed "Stand your Ground" law.

This senseless murder, the irresponsible actions from law enforcement, and the horrendous decision by the jury are testimony to the violence that people of color continue to face every single day. 31 states currently have "Shoot First" laws. In these states, Caucasians who kill African Americans are 354% more likely to have charges dropped than when Caucasians kill other Caucasians. We demand those in Florida

with legislative power take the adequate measures to dismantle their "Stand Your Ground" law. We demand those in public office in Arkansas and the rest of the nation to end these "Shoot First" laws that allow vigilantes to target anyone they deem suspicious.

The OMNI Center has always stood against racial violence, injustice and oppression, whether it is in the form of discrimination against African Americans and other people of color, the persecution of Muslims after 9/11, or the alienation and denial of basic human rights to our immigrant brothers & sisters. The deliberate racism towards people of color serves to undermine our common struggle for peace and justice. The Florida law that allowed Zimmerman to be declared "not guilty" sets a very dangerous precedent and gives new legal protection to open acts of racial violence. A vigilante who takes the life of an innocent person does not deserve to walk away but rather should be behind bars. We ask our members and the community to take action and organize to demand justice for Trayvon Martin and all the innocent people who have fallen victims to "Shoot First" laws, vigilantes, and law enforcement.

You can start taking action by signing the petition that the NAACP has initiated to demand that the U.S. Department of Justice of a Civil Rights case against Zimmerman.

Link to NAACP petition: [https://donate.naacp.org/page/s/doj-civil-rights-petition?source=zimmermannotguiltypetitionrotator&utm\\_medium=Rotator&utm\\_source=NAACP&utm\\_campaign=zimmermannotguiltypetitionrotator](https://donate.naacp.org/page/s/doj-civil-rights-petition?source=zimmermannotguiltypetitionrotator&utm_medium=Rotator&utm_source=NAACP&utm_campaign=zimmermannotguiltypetitionrotator)

Then join other OMNI members and friends in releasing this statement at a public press event July 31, 3:00 pm at the Federal Building on Mountain Street

## More OMNI and Community Activity

*Add your events to the list by emailing [omni@omnicenter.org](mailto:omni@omnicenter.org)*

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July 31 - 3:00 pm - Trayvon Martin Statement Press Conference. Outside Federal Building. Allies invited to attend in solidarity.

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August 1 - First Thursday - OMNI volunteers at Beer Garden - call 935-4422 to help

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August 3 - Citizens Climate Lobby - 3:00 pm OMNI - lots is happening. Come find out.

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August 4 - Climate Change Book Forum - 1:30 pm Fay Library - "Overheated" led by Chad Pollock.

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August 8 - Radio Group General Meeting - 7:00pm @OMNI

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August 11 - Hiroshima Nagasaki Commemoration - 6:00 pm Walker Park Pavilion - Potluck Picnic

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August 14 - 6:30 pm - Vegetarian Potluck - OMNI

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August 18 - 7:00pm Special movie showing and discussion: "Nagasaki Journey: The Aftermath of the Bomb". 3 people whose lives were never the same.

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August 20 - Civil Rights Roundtable - 6:00 pm Potluck @ OMNI

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August 23 - Dialogue Training Dinner - 6:00 pm Potluck @ OMNI. Open and caring facilitation methods explored.

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August 25 - 3:00pm - WE Connection for Women

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August 25 - 7:00pm - Illustrated Transformation: we're in the thick of it. Hear about some tools to get through. Led by Gladys Tiffany

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Sept 1 - Open Mic for Peace - re-start for fall - 7:00 pm @ OMNI:

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### Every week @ OMNI -

7:00 pm Mondays - Falun Gong meditation group meets in the OMNI library

Quaker Meetings 9:30 am Sundays. Anyone invited.

First Sundays 1-5 pm - Rooted Vision Healing Drums

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