



May 16, 2022

Jim Watson, Mayor  
City of Ottawa  
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Dear Mayor Watson

Re: 'Cities Appeal' – UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

Church of the Ascension is a parish of the Anglican Church of Canada which has, on multiple occasions, expressed its deep concern about the continued existence of nuclear weapons and been consistent in its call for a nuclear weapon-free world.

A joint letter to the Minister of Foreign Affairs in 2020, signed by the ACC and urging Canada to sign the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, stated “As a community of churches in Canada, we believe that nuclear weapons are evil and that they present a unique existential threat to humanity.”

The TPNW is a landmark global agreement adopted in 2017, which the Nobel Peace Prize Committee acknowledged as providing the best pathway towards a world without nuclear weapons.

The current and unprecedented threat of use of these weapons of mass destruction means that the risk of nuclear weapons use is at its highest since the Cold War.

We urge the City of Ottawa to support the upcoming motion on the 'Cities Appeal' pertaining to the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely

The Rev. Rhonda Waters  
on behalf of the Church of the Ascension Executive Committee

cc: Rick O'Connor, City Clerk <[rick.oconnor@ottawa.ca](mailto:rick.oconnor@ottawa.ca)>

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