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On the Occasion of the Awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to the  
Japan Confederation of A- and H-bomb Sufferers Organizations

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Church in Japan) is pleased to announce that the Japan Confederation of A- and H-Bomb Sufferers Organizations (Nihon Hidankyo) has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize this year.

We pay heartfelt tribute to the hibakusha of Hiroshima and Nagasaki who have long testified of their experiences to people in Japan and abroad, and who have consistently appealed for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

The testimonies of the Hibakusha have not only transcended national borders, but have also inspired the next generation of young people to strive for peace.

We hope that the awarding of this Nobel Prize to Nihon Hidankyo may serve as a warning against the wars that continue to take place in many parts of the world today.

Nuclear weapons destroy all life, and we join with those who seek peace around the world in praying for the elimination of nuclear weapons from the world.

We sincerely hope that the new Japanese government will take the voices of the Hibakusha seriously and sign and ratify the Nuclear Weapons Convention as soon as possible, thereby contributing greatly to the abolition of nuclear weapons.

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The Most Reverend David Eisho Uehara  
Primate of the Anglican Church in Japan

The Right Reverend Francis Kiyosumi Hasegawa  
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