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WORLD RENOWNED LEGAL SCHOLAR  
FEATURED SPEAKER AT SPECIAL EVENT  
IN SANTA BARBARA – APRIL 12

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Judge Christopher Weeramantry, a great humanitarian and a leading expert on international law, will be the featured speaker at An Evening of Foresight and Compassion, presented by the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation Saturday April 12, 6:30 P.M.

The event will take place at the University Club, 1332 Santa Barbara St.. Tickets include a wine reception and dinner. The cost is \$100 per person. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Generous local sponsorship will allow a limited amount of students from area schools to attend for free. Please call Steven Crandell at 965-3443 for more information.



Judge Christopher Weeramantry has led a life of dedication and distinction.

He played a key role in one of the most important decisions in the history of international law – the ruling on the illegality of nuclear weapons by the International Court of Justice in 1996.

He won what's known as the alternative Nobel Prize, called the Right Livelihood Award, in 2007 for his "groundbreaking work to strengthen and expand international law."

.In 2006, he was awarded a UNESCO Prize for Peace Education for his "indefatigable campaign for peace and peace education, promotion of human rights, intercultural faith and understanding."

Only last December, he received the highest award given by his native country of Sri Lanka, known as the *Sri Lankabhimanya*..

A former member of the Sri Lankan Supreme Court, a professor of law at Monash University in Australia, he is one of the world's foremost experts on nuclear weapons law.

His legal view of these weapons is unequivocal: "The threat and use of nuclear weapons," he wrote in one opinion, "contradicts the fundamental principle of the dignity and worth of the human person on which all law depends."

He is a man of great wisdom and great heart, a man possessing great energy for improving the lives of all people.

Judge Weeramantry will be joined by other members of the World Future Council at the April 12 dinner. They include: Jakob von Uexküll, Hon. Arthur Robinson, Bianca Jagger and Hans Peter Dürr.

UCSB's Orfalea Center for Global & International Studies and the World Future Council's Project on Future Justice are co-sponsoring the event.

Steve and Cindy Lyons, of Lyons Investments, are sponsoring the wine for the event.

Please contact Steven Crandell, 805 965-3443 for interview requests and more information.

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## NUCLEAR AGE PEACE FOUNDATION – SOME OF OUR CURRENT PROJECTS:

**US LEADERSHIP FOR A NUCLEAR WEAPONS-FREE WORLD**  
AN APPEAL TO THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

**US Leadership Appeal** – Join the Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Walter Cronkite, Daniel Ellsberg, Jackson Browne, Bonnie Raitt, and Jeff Bridges in supporting the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation's main project this year. We call it: *US Leadership for a Nuclear Weapons-Free World – An Appeal to the Next President*. We believe there is a significant gap in the education of most people which puts our country and the world at risk. Our Appeal aims to collect **one million signatures** and present them to the new President on Inauguration Day in January 2009. It's one thing to talk about the threat from nuclear weapons, and quite another to explain how we can eliminate the threat. This national Appeal educates as it motivates – showing seven steps, each of which would make the world a safer place. The key is the United States taking the lead to work with other nations towards the abolition of nuclear weapons. Send a message to the next President about a future without nuclear weapons. Go to [www.wagingpeace.org/appeal](http://www.wagingpeace.org/appeal) and sign the Appeal. (A copy of the Appeal is attached.)

**Presidential Candidates' Quotes:** One event in 2008 is likely to have more bearing on nuclear disarmament and world peace than any other. It is the election of the next President of the United States. His, or her, actions could create a dramatic change in US nuclear policy and international relations. As a 501(c)(3) educational charity, the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation does not endorse candidates. However, we do believe the public deserves to be informed. To this end, we are tracking the candidates' positions on nuclear issues and posting their quotes on our web site, [www.wagingpeace.org](http://www.wagingpeace.org), for all to

see. We invite voters to find out what the candidates' stated policies are. It only takes a few minutes.



**DVD – Nuclear Weapons & the Human Future.** Available on-line ([www.wagingpeace.org](http://www.wagingpeace.org)), this 20-minute DVD, written and narrated by Nuclear Age Peace Foundation President David Krieger, shows how the US and the world will benefit by moving beyond weapons of mass destruction. Nuclear weapons are the most immediate catastrophic threat to the planet. Do you know the facts? We feel everyone deserves to be informed about an issue that directly impacts our survival as a species.

### **SANTA BARBARA, A PEACE COMMUNITY--**

We have launched a grassroots peace leader campaign – with intent of creating a model program which can be duplicated in other communities. We will recruit, train and support peace leaders who will then use the new DVD and the national Appeal to inform at least 100 people each over the course of the year. The idea is to create a face-to-face educational campaign. Our experience is that most people don't know important facts about nuclear weapons – facts which could affect their future. A nuclear explosion would be a disaster – most people agree. Most people would also agree that preventing such a disaster is desirable. So what we're talking about is really public safety. Not radical. Not partisan. Just common sense. But how can we decide if we want to do anything about such weapons if we aren't aware of the facts? That's where education is an essential step.



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**The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation --** The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation initiates and supports worldwide efforts to abolish nuclear weapons, to strengthen international law and institutions, and to inspire and empower a new generation of peace leaders. Founded in 1982, the Foundation is comprised of individuals and organizations worldwide who realize the imperative for peace in the Nuclear Age. The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation is a non-profit, non-partisan international education and advocacy organization. It has consultative status to the United Nations Economic and Social Council and is recognized by the UN as a Peace Messenger Organization.

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