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Charles K. Johnson, Director of the Joint Task Force on Nuclear Power for the Oregon and Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility will be speaking Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm at the Rogue Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 87 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Ashland, Oregon.

Johnson's talk "Nuclear Power & Nuclear Weapons: The Hanford Connection" will discuss current issues that affect the nation and the Northwest, including radiation safety, the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, and the direction of nuclear weapons and power today. He will cover the history of Hanford, its role in developing the atomic bomb and the US nuclear arsenal.

Johnson will also convey Hanford's lesser known role in developing nuclear power in the US and the world.

His talk will be the first event of this year's 29<sup>th</sup> annual Rogue Valley Hiroshima and Nagasaki Vigil, "Stop the Madness: Create A SANE World." The vigil begins with an opening ceremony at the grassy entrance of Lithia Park at 8 am on August 6<sup>th</sup>. The Nuclear Maze display will be on the Plaza beginning at 9 am Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> until Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. A closing ceremony will take place in the Japanese Gardens in Lithia Park on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

Charles Johnson's talk is sponsored by the Ashland Branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the Social Justice & Action Committee of the RVUUF, and the 2014 Hiroshima Nagasaki Vigil Committee. For more information contact Jill Mackie 541-488-9286 or