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Barbara is a peace activist and nuclear safety and security expert and advocate. Born to parents who married during World War II, her life was shaped by their devotion to peace and healing. In medical school when the United States entered the war, Barbara’s father joined the U.S. Navy to complete his medical degree in 1943. His new wife supported him through a Naval hospital internship and his service with the U.S. Marines on a battleship in the Pacific, concluding with a year in Nagasaki, Japan after the atomic bombing.

Barbara made her commitment to nuclear weapons disarmament in 1970 while conducting emergency preparedness research for the U.S. Government. A social scientist with a master’s degree and doctoral studies, Barbara has consulted and taught for private and public sector organizations in fifteen countries, promoting public health and safety in a variety of disciplines, including all aspects of nuclear technologies and operations.

In 2018 Barbara joined the United Religions Initiative Global Circle Voices for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons after attending the Parliament of World Religions in Toronto. She recently joined the Advisory Council of the International Center for Multigenerational Legacies of Trauma (ICMGLT.org). Barbara is a lifelong member of the Episcopal Church.