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Peace House Calls for Détente

If you watch Christine Amanpour's excellent interviews on CNN – or You Tube - you see that there are many people working on how to stop the Ukrainian problem, and hoping, as well, to avoid a nuclear war. Forty years ago, Peace House was formed with that concern as a central goal. Any desire to avoid an escalating military response in the Ukraine is based upon that goal. Are we, as a planet of humans, careening past any hope for dialogue and détente? Clearly Peace House is against genocide.

The "No To NATO" headline Rabbi David saw in our Clear Actions newsletter was the title of a program being offered by the organization Code Pink, not a Peace House position, though we see how that could be misconstrued. Both Rabbi Zaslow and Code Pink are entitled to their opinions. There were two educated speakers for the Code Pink event dedicated to avoiding war. They might have had some valid points on the dangers of endless militarization.

To be clear, Peace House deplores anti-semitism and hate crime and we recently said so in our Clear Actions Newsletter. We support President Zelinski and the Ukrainian people. And we deplore war. As peacekeeping human beings living in the Rogue Valley, we need to invite ways to avoid becoming divided.

There are many ideas about how to dial back the nuclear clock from Mr. Putin's "global nuclear blackmail threat," as Christine Amanpour calls it. Dialogue and healthy communication are keys to a negotiated resolution. How best do we prevent more bloodshed and destruction in the Ukraine. Dialog? Sanctions? Bombs? The first two would be better than war. Are bombs the only way? The "Say No to NATO" program was meant to look at how we as a military-industrial complex might change the cycles that make war inevitable.

Stopping the Russian invasion is essential to saving lives. The people of Ukraine are suffering horribly. Peace House is listening, watching and praying for the best outcome with the least amount of death and destruction. We do not have the answer to how this can best be done.

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