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Greetings!

May the next year be a truly transformative one for each of us  
, the planet and the people we share this planet with.

We can take heart that 122 nations approved of a nuclear  
weapons ban that many of us worked for in coalition. The  
Nobel Peace Prize is for all who continue to campaign for it.  
And for the first time ever the Pentagon has said it will  
provide an independent audit each year!

I continue to carry on the work that Vic & I did together  
though I haven't been sending ***our developing world***

***voices...*** This year was too overwhelming for that. The International Fair Trade  
Handcraft Sale will be here on display & for sale at least through the 17th Cuba  
program that Joan and Nelson will do that evening at 6, potluck at 7. The have  
given THE MOST OUTSTANDING Cuba program I've ever experienced! Please  
join us! And consider the 2 week Reality Tour Cuba/Nicaragua: Compare and  
Contrast in July '18 or one week at Lake Atitlan, Guatemala :Mayan focus tour  
June 28.

I'm grateful for all the wonderful volunteers and donors who keep ***odw*** going.  
Without them ***odw*** wouldn't exist for 48 years! We're raising money to help teens  
go on a transforming service learning tour, a week in Nicaragua!

And thanks to those who have given programs here. The first in the new year will  
be Sharat Lin speaking about Nuclear Challenges with some clips from the video  
Hibakusha ( Hiroshima and Nagasaki survivors) Sat. Jan 6 6 pm, poltuck at 7.

The communities of people who carol ( 62 years!), our vigil for peace, our FCNL  
Advocacy group, those who swim and guard and are in the Yoga class at the Y, and  
those who invite me to facilitate the simulation Starvation or Survival or give  
programs: Eyewitness In Central America or the Mayan System of Justice, and all  
of you far away who help me have a global perspective always, you who send me  
great laughs!, my wonderful caring family : all of you keep me going. I'm so  
grateful to have all of you in my life!

For a MUCH better tomorrow, with peace, abrazos and love

*Barby*

