

Doug Roche's 2021 Christmas Message

These are difficult times for everyone, but we must keep hope alive. Christmas, reminding us of peace as a central preoccupation of humanity, re-kindles our hope, and that should give us a measure of joy. Such a wish needs action: I pledge to devote my writings in 2022 to urging the elimination of nuclear weapons, on which governments spent \$73 billion in 2020, and which threaten catastrophic humanitarian consequences. The money spent on this excessive militarism should be devoted to the health and education needs of the world's most vulnerable people. That would be a contribution to peace.

