



# TEMPLE OF UNDERSTANDING

50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA  
AND THE  
JULIET HOLLISTER AWARDS CEREMONY

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50 years  
sustaining  
interfaith  
education and  
cooperation  
for peace

# TEMPLE OF UNDERSTANDING PRAYER

BY JULIET HOLLISTER

We thank thee, Heavenly Father, for gathering us under Thy wing and  
for the steady outpouring of Thy Love and Thy Light.

We ask only that Thou continue to guide and protect us in this holy  
endeavor to create a Temple of Understanding.

Ignite our hearts and our minds with the fire of Thy creative action, that  
upon this beautiful planet, for the weary children of Earth, we may light  
the flame of understanding.

We ask only that this symbol of Unity and illumination may never dim,  
but be fed by Thy constant and our constant care.



# PROGRAM

## Temple of Understanding 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala And Juliet Hollister Awards Ceremony

Introduction and Salute to Interfaith Visionary Honorees	Alison Van Dyk, Chair of the Board and Executive Director
Musical Invocation	Michael Fitzpatrick, "Invocation For World Peace"
Presentation of Interfaith Visionary Awards	Awards presented by Board of Trustees Sherry B. Bronfman, Linda O. Dunay, John D. Miller, Laxmi Shah, Karen van de Vrande, Christopher Wang, Cindy Epstein
Statement from Interfaith Visionary Call To Action Conference	Van Jones presents statement to Robert Orr, Assistant Secretary General, UN, joined by Sr. Joan Kirby and Lily Schwabe, UN Representatives and Alison Van Dyk, Chair
Welcome Address	Stuart Gelles and Marshia Glazebrook, Co-Chairs, Board of Trustees
Video History	Rolland G. Smith, Master of Ceremonies
Musical Interlude	Michael Fitzpatrick, J.S. Bach "Sarabande"

### AWARD PRESENTATIONS & PERFORMANCES

HRH Prince El-Hassan bin Talal	Introduced by Dr. Suheil Badi Bushrui Award presented by Darcy Neill, Honorary Committee and Dr. Ephraim Isaac, Board of Trustees
Musical Interlude	Climbing Poe Tree, Alixa and Naima, "Hurricane Season"
His All Holiness, Bartholomew, Archbishop and Ecumenical Patriarch	Introduced by The Rev. Dr. Marcus Braybrooke Award presented by Sr. Joan Kirby, UN Representative

### — Dinner —

Statement by His Holiness the XIVth Dalai Lama	Dr. Robert Thurman
Dance Interlude	Michael Leon Thomas' Motion Theater Lab, "Aquarius Rising"
The Most Rev. Desmond M. Tutu, Archbishop	Introduced by The Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes Award presented by Ibrahim Abdil-Mu'id Ramey, Board of Trustees
Musical Interlude	Simon Mulligan, Gershwin, arr. Mulligan "Rhapsody In Blue"
Karen Armstrong	Introduced by Chris Anderson, Curator, TED Conference Award presented by Kenneth J. Anand, Board of Trustees
TOU: The Next 50 Years: Teaching, Oneness and Understanding	Stuart Gelles, Board of Trustees
Sr. Joan Kirby, Interfaith Visionary Lifetime Achievement Award	Award presented by her UN Interns and the Board of Trustees
Closing Remarks	Alison Van Dyk

# TEMPLE OF UNDERSTANDING

## MISSION

The mission of the Temple of Understanding is to achieve peaceful coexistence among individuals, communities and societies through interfaith education. Our innovative programs emphasize experiential learning and dialogue as a means of connecting youth and adults across a spectrum of religious and cross-cultural communities, to promote justice and tolerance and advocate for religious pluralism by the world's governing bodies.

## GOALS

- To develop an appreciation of religious and cultural diversity
- To educate for global citizenship and sustainability
- To expand public discourse on faith and ecology
- To create just and peaceful communities

## HISTORY

The TOU was founded in 1960 by a pioneering visionary, Juliet Hollister, with the initial support of Eleanor Roosevelt. Mrs. Roosevelt referred to the need for the Temple of Understanding to be the inspiration and leadership for a spiritual United Nations. Our distinguished group of "Founding Friends" also includes Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras, H.H. Pope John XXIII, Sir Zafrulla Khan, H.H. the XIVth Dalai Lama, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, and Anwar al-Sadat, among others.

The Temple of Understanding is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and non-governmental organization (NGO) in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

Through our U.N. Representative, The Temple of Understanding has had a strong presence for many years at the United Nations by heading committees, organizing workshops, and hosting major events including the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the UN in New York.

## THE JULIET HOLLISTER AWARDS

The Juliet Hollister Awards were created in 1996, in support and affirmation of individuals whose life work has advanced an interfaith ideal. Named in honor of our founder's achievements, the Awards are granted to individuals who are: religious figures who integrate interfaith values into their place of worship where their adherents congregate; and secular figures who promote greater understanding of spiritual values in areas such as the arts, education, media, government, science, law and ecology.

Past awardees include, in chronological order: Her Majesty Queen Noor; the Very Rev. James Parks Morton, Sri Swami Satchidananda, Maestro Ravi Shankar; Henry Luce III, Mary Robinson, His Holiness the XIVth Dalai Lama, Nelson Mandela, Dr. Wangari Maathai, Peter Max, Dr. Thomas Berry, Dr. Coleman Barks, Dr. Suheil Badi Bushrui, Cokie and Steven Roberts, Dr. Hans Kung, Pir Vilayat Inayat Khan, Rev. Suzan Johnson Cook, Fr. Thomas Keating, Dr. Karan Singh, Chief Arvol Looking Horse, Venerable Dr. Yifa and Daniel Pearl (accepted by Dr. Judea Pearl), Bhai Sahib Dr. Mohinder Singh Ahluwalia, Majora Carter, and Russell Simmons.

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## JULIET HOLLISTER 2010 HONOREES



**His Royal Highness Prince El Hassan bin Talal** served as Crown Prince to the Hashemite Throne of Jordan from 1965 to 1999. He has initiated and founded a number of Jordanian and international institutes, including The Royal scientific society in 1970, The Higher

Council for Science and Technology in 1987, and The Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies, in 1994. Having always been interested in young people and believing in the importance of community, His Royal Highness founded the Forum Humanum in 1982 (renamed the Arab Youth Forum in 1988); the Crown Prince award in 1984 (renamed the El Hassan Youth Award in 1999), and its affiliate program, the Sabilat El Hassan, in 1988.

On the international stage, Prince Hassan founded the International Cultures Foundation in 2002, out of which the Parliament of Cultures was formed in 2004. HRH launched Partners in Humanity as a joint initiative with John Marks from Search for Common Ground. Decorated by over twenty nations, His Royal Highness is the holder of the Order of Al Hussein bin Ali, Jordan's highest decoration, and is the author of nine books including, Search For Peace (1984). He is being honored for his life-long commitment to foster interfaith and cross-cultural cooperation for peace.



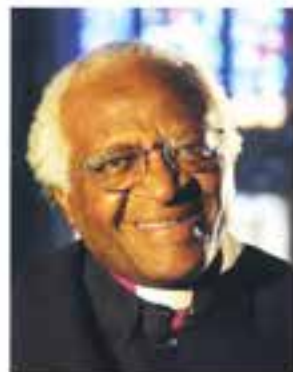
**His All Holiness, Bartholomew, Archbishop of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch** is the 270th successor of the 2,000 year old Christian Church founded by St. Andrew the Apostle. In this role he transcends every national and

ethnic group on a global level and today is the spiritual leader of approximately 250 million followers world-wide.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew strives to prepare the Orthodox Church for its continuing role as a mediator between East and West, co-sponsoring, for instance, the Peace and Tolerance Conference in Istanbul (1994) bringing together Christians, Muslims and Jews. He is best known as the "Green Patriarch" for his efforts in organizing major international environmental symposia, including six Religion, Science and Environmental International Symposia since 1999. These efforts, together with his inspiring efforts on behalf of religious freedom and human rights, earned him the Congressional Gold Medal by the U.S. Congress. He is being honored for his inspiring commitment to religious freedom, human rights and interfaith understanding.



## JULIET HOLLISTER 2010 HONOREES (CONT'D.)



**The Most Reverend Desmond M. Tutu, Anglican Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town, South Africa** was appointed Dean of St. Mary's Cathedral in Johannesburg in 1975 as the first black African to hold that position. In 1976 he was made Bishop of Lesotho and

in 1978 he became the first black African General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches. He served as the chairman of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission because of his role in the abolishment of South Africa's Apartheid policy.

In 1984 he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his "role as a unifying leader in the campaign to resolve the problem of apartheid in South Africa". He was elected to the Board of Directors of the International Criminal Court's Trust Fund for Victims in 2003 and was named a member of the United Nations advisory panel on genocide prevention in 2006. Desmond Tutu received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from U.S. President Barack Obama in 2009. He is being honored for his visionary leadership to ensure civil rights and religious freedom for all.



**Karen Armstrong** is one of the world's leading scholars on religious affairs and a best-selling author; whose books have been translated into forty-five languages. Since September 11, 2001, however, Karen Armstrong has become chiefly known for her work on Islam and

Fundamentalism. She has addressed members of the United States Congress and the Senate on three occasions, has participated in the World Economic Forum in New York and Davos, and has spoken at the United Nations, the NATO Naval Defense College in Rome, and the Council for Foreign Relations in Washington and New York.

In February 2008, she was awarded the TED prize and since then has been working with TED and the Fetzer Institute on a major international project to create, launch and propagate the Charter for Compassion, created online by the general public and crafted by religious and spiritual leaders from around the world. The Charter was launched in the fall of 2009 and has over 50,000 signatories. She is being honored for her outstanding leadership in interfaith understanding, guiding humanity towards a more peaceful world.



## PRESENTERS



**Mr. Chris Anderson** is the curator of the set of TED Conferences, which he has developed as a platform for identifying and disseminating ideas worth spreading. He was born in Pakistan in 1957 as one of three children. After graduating from Oxford with a major in philosophy, Mr. Anderson began a career in journalism before launching his own publishing company, Future Publishing, which initially focused on hobbyist computer magazines and quickly expanded to other areas, such as technology and cycling. Mr. Anderson eventually expanded to the US, where he built a second company, Imagine Media. The combined companies spawned over 100 monthly magazines, employed over 2,000 people, and allowed Anderson to create a private nonprofit foundation, the Sapling Foundation, which hopes to find new ways of tackling tough global issues by leveraging media, technology, entrepreneurship, and ideas.



**The Rev. Dr. Marcus Braybrooke** is a retired Anglican parish priest and the President of the World Congress of Faiths, of which he has been a member for nearly 50 years. He is a co-founder of the Three Faiths Forum, Patron of the International Interfaith Centre at Oxford and a Peace Councillor. In 2004, Rev. Braybrooke was awarded a Lambeth Doctorate of Divinity by the Archbishop of Canterbury "in recognition of his contribution to the development of inter-religious cooperation and understanding throughout the world." He is also the author of over forty books on world religions and Christianity, including *Pilgrimage of Hope, Faith and Interfaith in a Global Age, Time to Meet, How to Understand Judaism, What We Can Learn From Hinduism, and Christian-Jewish Dialogue: the Next Steps.*



**Professor Suheil Badu Bushrui** is the Baha'i Chair for World Peace at the Center for International Development and Conflict Management at the University of Maryland. A distinguished author, poet and critic, he is the foremost authority on the works of Kahlil Gibran. Professor Bushrui has taught at Oxford, York and Ibadan Universities, and was the first Arab national to be appointed Chair of English at the American University of Beirut. He is a founding member of the International Dialogue on Transition to a Global Society.



**The Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes** served as Senior Minister of The Riverside Church for 18 years and is currently President of the Healing of Nations Foundation. Before serving at the Riverside Church, Rev. Forbes taught at Union Theological Seminary, where he first served as the Brown and Sockman Associate Professor of Preaching until he became Union's first Harry Emerson Professor of Preaching in 1985. Dr. Forbes has been lauded by Newsweek and Ebony and is globally recognized as one of the most effective preachers in the English-speaking world. He is ordained as a minister in the American Baptist Churches and the Original United Holy Church of America.



## JOAN KIRBY, RSCJ, UN REPRESENTATIVE: Interfaith Visionary Lifetime Achievement Award

In dedication to Sister Joan Kirby for promoting interreligious values at the United Nations, her lifelong commitment to addressing human rights and ecological issues, and her passionate devotion to the development of young leaders.

Sister Joan Kirby began her career as an educator, having served as Headmistress in private schools in Princeton, New Jersey and New York City. She worked at Catholic Charities in the Office of Neighborhood Preservation as a legislative advocate for low-income



housing and was the first Executive Director of Homes for the Homeless. A Religious of the Sacred Heart, she was Executive Director of the Temple of Understanding from 1994 until 2000, where she developed interreligious programs for people of different faith traditions. Since April 2000, Sister Kirby has represented the Temple of Understanding at the United Nations to promote Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue and Peace.

Sister Kirby's accomplishments have been highlighted by several high level initiatives. She served as Secretary of the NGO Committee on Human Rights, Chairperson of the 2004 NGO/DPI Conference, "The Millennium Development Goals: Civil Society Takes Action" and chaired the Outreach Committee for the 2008 NGO/DPI Conference on the International Declaration of Human Rights held in Paris, France. Sister Kirby was elected to serve for two years as Chair of the NGO/DPI Executive Committee and was President of the Religious NGOs at the UN.

Sister Kirby has played an important role in developing the first ever Tri-Partite Forum on Interfaith Cooperation and Peace which is composed of Member States, UN Agencies and NGOs working for peace through interfaith cooperation. She

is currently on the Steering Committee for a UN Decade of Interreligious Dialogue and Cooperation for Peace as well as being a founding member of the Interfaith Consortium for Ecological Civilization. Sister Kirby has also been hosted around the world at global conferences related to UN issues.

Since 2004, Sister Joan Kirby has been instrumental in the education of teen youth at the Temple of Understanding through her UN Intensive Internship Program. For seven weeks each summer, twenty students are immersed in the study of the issues related to the Millennium Development Goals and the Human Rights agenda; they attend meetings at the UN and give a final presentations on related topics.

Through her passionate work as the Temple of Understanding's Representative to the United Nations, Sister Kirby has been a valuable leader and visionary, sharing the Temple of Understanding's mission of interfaith cooperation for peace.



*"I first met Sister Kirby 12 years ago when I came to the United Nations as an NGO. She started about the same time I did but it seemed unlikely that we would form a lasting friendship and become forever known as "the two Joans." Although our backgrounds were entirely different we shared the same devotion to Human rights, fairness and the Millennium Development Goals. We served together on the NGO/DPI Executive Committee and as yearly members of the Planning Committees for the Annual NGO/DPI Conferences (she as Chair in 2004). When I think of Sister Joan, the words truth, spirituality, devotion to her beliefs and just plain fun come to mind. I am delighted to be her cohort and friend and will be forever!"*

—JOAN LEVY, MAIN NGO REPRESENTATIVE OF END CHILD PROSTITUTION AND TRAFFICKING



## INTERFAITH VISIONARY CALL TO ACTION CONFERENCE

In honor of its 50th Anniversary, the Temple of Understanding is hosting The Interfaith Visionary Call to Action Conference on Sustainable Development. This conference is bringing together sixty-six leading Interfaith Visionaries from international interfaith organizations, along with leading environmental experts to address the environmental crisis facing the world today.



### **Van Jones**

Our Keynote speaker for the conference will be Mr. Van Jones. Van Jones is a globally recognized, award-winning pioneer in human rights and the clean-energy economy. Van Jones is a co-founder of the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, *Color of Change* and *Green for All*. He is the best-selling author of *The Green-Collar Economy*. He served in 2009 as the green jobs advisor for President Barack Obama's administration. Van Jones is a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress and holds a joint appointment at Princeton University as a distinguished visiting fellow.

### **World Café**

We are using the World Café dialogue process as the conference model in order to evoke meaningful conversations, stimulate personal commitment, and endorse a unity of action that will be a catalyst towards a new awareness of our collective responsibility.



### **M. Frances Baldwin, Ed.D**

Leading the World Café model will be M. Frances Baldwin, Ed.D. Dr. Baldwin is an international consultant on Leadership and Organization Development to a range of corporations, civic and faith-based organizations. She uses her broad experience to coach and support leaders concerned with corporate responsibility, democratic business models, and leaving legacies that matter to future generations. Dr. Baldwin is a Senior Steward at The World Café Community Foundation and is an expert in the Conversational Leadership model.



## INTERFAITH VISIONARIES



### **Macky Alston**

Macky Alston is an award-winning documentary filmmaker, an educator on issues of media and religion, an organizer within the worlds of philanthropy and media-making, and a regular writer and reviewer of film and religion. A graduate of Union Theological Seminary (M. Div.), Alston is a program director at Auburn Media, a division of the Center for Multifaith Education at Auburn Theological Seminary. He is a winner of the Freedom of Expression Award of the Sundance Film Festival.



### **Jay Banerjee**

Jay Banerjee is the founder of One People organization. One People brings together diverse communities to foster interfaith dialogue and religious pluralism. His other humanitarian initiatives include pooling financial and professional resources to uphold global human rights through not-for-profit organizations such as Open Doors Canada and the Indian National Overseas Congress. A real estate professional, Jay serves as President of the Indian National Overseas Congress-Canada and President of Gopio Canada.



### **Molly Banerjee**

Molly Banerjee founded One People with her husband Jay to support victims of Hurricane Katrina. A philanthropist and a passionate campaigner for global human rights, she actively works to realize the dream of an equitable social order through key initiatives among Indian professionals such as GOPIONET and the Indian National Overseas Congress Canada. A real-estate professional, she is currently serving as the President of the One People Organization.



### **Ma Jaya Sati Bhagavati**

Ma Jaya Sati Bhagavati is an American-born spiritual teacher, author, artist, and humanitarian. Her path led her to the teachings of Jesus Christ, Sri Nityananda, and her Guru, Neem Karoli Baba. Ma founded Kashi Ashram, an interfaith spiritual community with centers across the United States. She established the River Fund, which serves impoverished townships in South Africa, supports orphanages in Uganda and Mexico, and helps the Aids Treatment Access Programs in Cuba and South Africa.



### **The Reverend Canon Sally Grover Bingham**

The Rev. Canon Sally Grover Bingham is an Episcopal priest and Canon for the Environment in the Diocese of California. She is founder and president of The Regeneration Project, which is leading the Interfaith Power & Light campaign, a religious response to global warming. Rev. Bingham is a member of President Obama's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships and a board member of the Environmental Defense Fund and the U.S. Climate Action Network, among other groups.



## INTERFAITH VISIONARIES (CONT'D.)



### **Dr. Josef Boehle**

Dr. Josef Boehle is a Research Fellow in Globalization, Religion and Politics and Coordinator of the UNESCO Chair in Interfaith Studies at the University of Birmingham, UK. Dr. Boehle is currently working on a book called *Religion and Politics in a Global Age* and is a member of a UK-sponsored Research Consortium on Religions and Development. He has a postgraduate degree from the University of Tuebingen, Germany and earned his PhD from the University of Birmingham, UK.



### **The Reverend Dr. Marcus Braybrooke**

Rev. Dr. Marcus Braybrooke is a retired Anglican parish priest and the President of the World Congress of Faiths, of which he has been a member for nearly 50 years. He is a co-founder of the Three Faiths Forum, Patron of the International Interfaith Centre at Oxford and a Peace Councillor. He was awarded a Lambeth Doctorate of Divinity by the Archbishop of Canterbury. He is author of over forty books on world religions and Christianity, and has edited several anthologies of prayers and meditations.



### **Dr. Patrice Brodeur**

Dr. Brodeur is Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair on Islam, Pluralism, and Globalization at the University of Montreal. He was the Rockefeller Foundation Visiting Fellow at the University of Notre Dame, focusing on interreligious dialogue and conflict resolution. He holds degrees in Religion from Harvard University and McGill University. He has been involved with the Pluralism Project at Connecticut College and Harvard University since the early 1990s.



### **Dr. Suheil Badi Bushrui**

Professor Bushrui is a distinguished author, poet, critic, translator and media personality. He holds the Baha'i Chair for World Peace in the Center for International Development and Conflict Resolution at the University of Maryland. Prof. Bushrui is the foremost authority on the works of Kahlil Gibran. He has taught at Oxford, York and Ibadan Universities, and was the first Arab national to be appointed to the Chair of English at the American University of Beirut. Prof. Bushrui is a founding member of the International Dialogue on Transition to a Global Society.



### **Majora Carter**

Majora Carter is the founder of the non-profit, the Sustainable South Bronx (SSBX), where she was the Executive Director from 2001 to 2008. While at the SSBX, Carter pioneered green-collar job training and placement systems in one of the most environmentally and economically challenged parts of the U.S. This MacArthur "genius" is now President of her own economic consulting firm, a co-host on Sundance Channel's *The Green*, and host of a new special public radio series, *The Promised Land*.



## INTERFAITH VISIONARIES (CONT'D.)



### **The Reverend Paul Chaffee**

Rev. Paul Chaffee is the Executive Director of the Interfaith Center at the Presidio. The son of American Presbyterian missionaries, he was ordained in the United Church of Christ in 1977. Rev. Chaffee currently serves on the board of the San Francisco Interfaith Council and is a trustee of the North American Interfaith Network. For six years, he served on United Religions Initiative's board of directors. His publications include *Accountable Leadership*, *Shared Wisdom*, and *Remembered Light*.



### **Simon Cohen**

Simon Cohen is Founder and Managing Director of Global Tolerance, which harnesses the power of the media for positive social change. He is an international speaker and staunch advocate on media ethics issues, and he has run workshops at the World Economic Forum, UNESCO and the Parliament of the World's Religions. Mr. Cohen has been recognized by UnLtd and Millennium Awards Trust as a leading social entrepreneur. He is a Theology graduate who specialized in religious pluralism.



### **The Reverend Dirk Ficca**

Rev. Dirk Ficca serves as Executive Director of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions. He worked closely with local religious and spiritual communities to plan and organize the 1993 Parliament in Chicago, and he continued to lead the Council's efforts to build a vibrant interreligious movement in Chicago and around the world. An ordained Presbyterian minister, Rev. Ficca teaches at DePaul University, the Lutheran School of Theology and Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary.



### **The Reverend Dr. James Forbes**

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### **Tonya Gonnella Frichner**

Tonya Gonnella Frichner is a citizen of the Onondaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Confederacy. Ms. Frichner has devoted herself to the pursuit of human rights for Indigenous peoples locally, regionally and internationally. She is an attorney and the founder of the American Indian Law Alliance, which has special consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council. Ms. Frichner is the North American Regional Representative to the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.



## INTERFAITH VISIONARIES (CONT'D.)



### **Dr. Carolyne Fuqua**

Dr. Fuqua, a recognized leader in the transformational movement, is the founder of the Circle of Light Ministries. She is also the founder of the Foundation for the S.T.A.R.S., a nonprofit organization that reaches out to underprivileged youth in U.S. inner cities. Dr. Fuqua created the From Me to We Foundation to address the needs of youth in developing countries, and she has worked extensively in Egypt and Ghana. She holds graduate degrees in Religious Philosophy, History and Comparative Religions.



### **Homi D. Gandhi**

Homi Gandhi is a dedicated leader of the Zoroastrian community in North America, serving as the co-chair and chief UN representative of the Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America (FEZANA) since 2003. Mr. Gandhi is a member of the Executive Council of Religions for Peace and currently serves as its Treasurer. He has worked avidly to promote interfaith harmony and has participated in community service projects serving diverse communities both locally and internationally.



### **The Reverend Canon Charles P. Gibbs**

The Rev. Canon Gibbs has served as the founding Executive Director of the United Religions Initiative since 1996. During his years with URI, he has traveled and spoken extensively throughout the world, developing a global interfaith community of 500,000 members. He co-authored *Birth of a Global Community* with Sally Mahé. As an Episcopal priest, Canon Gibbs has a deep commitment to spiritual transformation and works for peace, justice and healing while honoring the sacredness of all life.



### **Dr. Daniel Gomez-Ibañez**

Dr. Daniel Gomez-Ibañez founded the International Committee for the Peace Council and served as its Executive Director until he retired in 2007. The Peace Council was developed as a response to the 1993 Parliament of the World's Religions to promote effective, practical interfaith collaboration on the critical issues of the world. He is also a founder, trustee, and former Executive Director of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions. He holds a PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he was a Professor of Geography.



### **Bettina Gray**

Bettina Gray is an Emmy nominated interview host and producer and a leader and advocate for interfaith communications. She is a co-founder and current Chair of the North American Interfaith Network, and hosted and produced the international television series, *A Parliament of Souls*. Her work in media continues to bring interfaith dialogue to a global audience. A visiting scholar at the Women's Leadership Institute at Mills College her focus is "Religions and Global Security."



## INTERFAITH VISIONARIES (CONT'D.)



### **Herman Fortescue Greene**

Herman Greene is President of the Center for Ecozoic Studies and a business lawyer at Greene Law, PLLC in North Carolina. He is a member of both the Governing Board of the International Process Network and the Coordinating Committee of the UN Interfaith Consortium for Ecological Civilization (ICEC). Mr. Greene received his law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He holds degrees from Union Theological Seminary, University of Chicago Divinity School, and Stanford University.



### **Alex Grey**

Alex Grey is a co-founder of the Chapel of Sacred Mirrors and an internationally renowned visual artist. For five years, Mr. Grey directed the Chapel's cultural center in New York City, which received tens of thousands of visitors from around the world. Currently, he is leading his community to build a visionary temple to honor all wisdom paths and house the full art collection of the Chapel of Sacred Mirrors. Mr. Grey is the husband and partner of artist Allyson Grey.



### **Allyson Grey**

Allyson Grey, an accomplished visual artist, is co-founder of the Chapel of Sacred Mirrors in New York City. She has written for and edited over a dozen publications and taught art at Tufts University, the Boston Museum School and the Omega Institute. A leader of a growing artistic community, she has received several commissions for long-term and permanent installations of her artwork throughout the U.S. Ms. Grey is the wife and partner of artist Alex Grey.



### **Dr. John Allen Grim**

John Grim is a Senior Lecturer and Research Scholar at Yale University, teaching courses on faith and ecology. With Mary Evelyn Tucker, he is the Coordinator of the Forum on Religion and Ecology and the Environmental Ethicist-in-Residence at Yale University. Recently, he and Ms. Tucker edited Thomas Berry's last collection of essays, *The Christian Future and the Fate of the Earth*, and they are now working on a new volume, *The Emerging Alliance of Religion and Ecology*.



### **The Reverend Fletcher Harper**

Rev. Fletcher Harper is an Episcopal priest and GreenFaith's Executive Director. Under his leadership, GreenFaith has developed innovative programs linking religious belief and practice to the environment. An award-winning spiritual writer and nationally-recognized preacher on the environment, he teaches and speaks at houses of worship from a range of denominations in New Jersey and nationwide about the moral, spiritual basis for environmental stewardship and justice.



## INTERFAITH VISIONARIES (CONT'D.)



### **The Reverend Dr. Katherine Rhodes Henderson**

The Rev. Dr. Katharine Rhodes Henderson is President of Auburn Theological Seminary and an international leader in theological education. Author of *God's Troublemakers: How Women of Faith are Changing the World*, she has pioneered programs for excellence in religious and progressive moral leadership. Dr. Rhodes Henderson is a graduate of the College of Wooster and Union Theological Seminary. She holds a doctorate from Teachers College, Columbia University.



### **The Reverend Dr. Serene Jones**

The Rev. Dr. Serene Jones is the President of the Union Theological Seminary and the first woman to head the institution. She was a professor of theology and chair of Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies at Yale University. Dr. Jones is author of *Feminist Theory and Christian Theology*, a standard textbook in feminist theology. She is ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ, and she holds degrees from the University of Oklahoma, Yale Divinity School and Yale University.



### **Van Jones**

Van Jones is a globally recognized, award-winning pioneer in human rights and the clean-energy economy. Van is a co-founder of the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, Color of Change and Green For All. He is the best-selling author of *The Green-Collar Economy*. He served as the green jobs advisor in the Obama White House in 2009. Van is a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress and holds a joint appointment at Princeton University as a distinguished visiting fellow.



### **Father Robert E. Kennedy Roshi**

Fr. Robert E. Kennedy Roshi is a Jesuit priest and Zen teacher in the White Plum lineage. He is a licensed psychoanalyst and professor emeritus of Theology at St. Peter's College. As a Christian, Fr. Kennedy has found meaning and deep reverence in the practice of Zen. His work reflects the Jesuit statement on mission and inter-religious dialogue. He teaches at Morning Star Zendo and is a representative of the Institute for Spiritual Consciousness in Politics at the United Nations.



### **Daisy Khan**

Daisy Khan is Executive Director of the American Society for Muslim Advancement, a non-profit organization dedicated to building bridges between the Muslim community and general public through dialogue. In the aftermath of 9/11, Ms. Khan created interfaith programs to emphasize commonalities among the Abrahamic faith traditions. Ms. Khan is the recipient of several awards, including the The Interfaith Center of New York's Award for Promoting Peace and Interfaith Understanding.



## INTERFAITH VISIONARIES (CONT'D.)



### **Dr. Paul Knitter**

Dr. Knitter, a leading theologian of religious pluralism, is the Paul Tillich Professor of Theology, World Religions and Culture at the Union Theological Seminary. He holds degrees from the Pontifical Gregorian University and the University of Marburg. Dr. Knitter's journey into interfaith dialogue began in 1964 when he experienced the Second Vatican Council firsthand. Dr. Knitter is Professor Emeritus of Theology at Xavier University and serves on the Board of the International Interreligious Peace Council.



### **Imam Khalid Latif**

Imam Khalid Latif is Executive Director and Chaplain for the Islamic Center at New York University (NYU). He is also currently the youngest chaplain in history of the New York City Police Department. Imam Latif is regularly featured on global media outlets and was recently named one of the 500 most influential Muslims in the world by Georgetown University's Prince Alwaleed Bin Talaal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding.



### **The Venerable Dr. Chung Ohun Lee**

Ven. Dr. Chung Lee is the founding head minister and guiding spiritual teacher of Won Buddhism of Manhattan (WBM). Dr. Lee is a recognized international leader in interreligious dialogue and cooperation, and is the Co-President of Religions for Peace. She has represented Won Buddhism at the United Nations (UN) since 1992. Dr. Lee is the editor of *Vision for a New Civilization: Spiritual and Ethical Values in the New Millennium*. She holds a PhD in Religious Education from NYU.



### **The Reverend Dr. William Leshner**

The Rev. Dr. William Leshner is Chair Emeritus of the Board of Trustees of the Council for a World Parliament of the World's Religions (CPWR), an international, inter-religious organization based in Chicago. Dr. Leshner is an ordained pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. He is President Emeritus of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and serves on the Board of Trustees for both the Japan International Christian Foundation and the Forum for Global Ethics and Religion.



### **Kay Lindahl**

Kay Lindahl is the founder of The Listening Center and is recognized as an inspiring spiritual guide to people of all religious backgrounds. An ordained interfaith minister, she conducts workshops around the world in diverse settings for businesses, non-profits, healthcare professionals and educators. Ms. Lindahl serves on the Board for the North American Interfaith Network and the Immortal Chaplains Foundation and is the author of *The Sacred Art of Listening* and *How does God Listen*, a children's book.



## INTERFAITH VISIONARIES (CONT'D.)



### **Dr. Elizabeth Kapu'uwaitani Lindsey**

Dr. Elizabeth Kapu'uwaitani Lindsey is the first Polynesian Explorer and female Fellow in the history of the National Geographic Society. In 2011, Lindsey, an award-winning filmmaker and anthropologist, embarks on an expedition to safeguard indigenous knowledge around the world. Her keen insight and first-hand accounts are reshaping western perspectives and providing an inspiring call-to-action. Lindsey serves on global boards working for human rights, gender equality, environment, culture and education.



### **Professor T.T. Liu**

Professor Tze-Tung Liu has been both the Executive Director of the Foundation for World Freedom and Democracy, a global organization whose mission is to spotlight and encourage political freedoms through the strengthening of democratic principles, and a Senior Advisor of the World League for Freedom and Democracy since 2001. Professor Liu had been Secretary General of the World League from 1994 until his transition to Executive Director in 2001. Earlier in his career, while living in the United States, Professor Liu was the Publisher of *The Free Man*, President of the Association of Free Chinese in the United States, and Chairman of the Chinatown Cultural Center. In 1979, Professor Liu became an Adjunct Lecturer of Asian Studies and History at City College of New York, where he taught until he became the Secretary General of the Association for National Unity and Self Reliance in Taiwan in 1992.



### **The Reverend Dr. Clark Lobenstine**

Rev. Dr. Clark Lobenstine serves as the Executive Director of the InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington D.C. (IFC). The InterFaith Conference began by bringing together the Islamic, Jewish, Protestant and Roman Catholic communities both to deepen understanding and to build a just community. Since then, the Baha'i, Buddhist, Hindu, Jain, Latter-Day Saints, Sikh and Zoroastrian communities in the D.C. region have joined to advance justice and nurture understanding.



### **Mr. Johnny Lu**

Johnny Lu is founder of the Jewelry Institute of America and has made great contributions to charity, world peace and environmental protection over the past 50 years. He has met regularly with global religious leaders and was granted a Jubilee 2000 license by Pope John Paul II. He has been awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, recognizing outstanding American immigrants. An active philanthropist, he pioneered the use of jewelry, like the Wish Pearl, to raise interfaith understanding.



## INTERFAITH VISIONARIES (CONT'D.)



### **Chief Oren Lyons**

Oren Lyons is the Faithkeeper of the Onondaga Nation and an outspoken critic of environmental destruction. He helped establish the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations, and has participated in the Indigenous Peoples Conference, an international forum supported by the United Nations' Human Rights Commission. He is a principal figure in the Traditional Circle of Indian Elders, a council of traditional grassroots leadership of North American Indian nations.



### **Dr. Daniel Martin**

Daniel Martin is Founder and President of Cross River Connections (CRC), which offers training and consulting in social change through the art of Dialogue. He is the founder of International Communities for the Renewal of the Earth (ICRE), a not-for-profit organization that fosters an ecological spirituality as the basis for a more creative and sustainable society. A native of Belfast, Northern Ireland, Dr. Martin was educated in Ireland, Italy, and the U.S., where he earned his PhD under Thomas Berry.



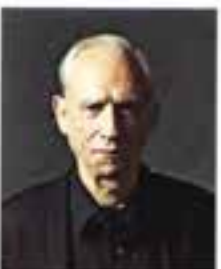
### **Dame Dr. Meher Master-Moos**

Dame Dr. Meher Master-Moos is the Founding President of the Mazdayasnie Monasterie, the All-India Shah Behram Baug Society, and the One and Only Zoroastrian College in the World. She has received the Dag Hammarskjöld Award and the Albert Schweitzer Medal for Humanitarian Work, was awarded the Medal for Interfaith Peace by His Holiness Pope John Paul II, and has been knighted in five countries. Dame Dr. Master-Moos has law degrees from Oxford University and University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.



### **Dr. Thomas Mathew**

Dr. Thomas Mathew is the President of the International Association for Religious Freedom, the first global interfaith organization, founded in Boston in 1900. He represents IARF at the United Nations, where the NGO holds general consultative status. He is the founder and director of SEEDS-India, a charity that runs an orphanage, handicraft center and provides free meals to the ill. Dr. Mathew holds degrees in Divinity, History, Public Administration and Rural Leadership.



### **Father Paul Mayer**

Fr. Paul Mayer served as a Benedictine monk, worked with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the civil rights movement, and dissented against the war in Vietnam. A Jewish refugee from Nazi Germany, he co-founded Children of War, a youth leadership organization that transforms the lives of survivors of wars. Fr. Mayer co-founded the Climate Crisis Coalition, wrote *Wrestling With Angels: A Spiritual Memoir of a Political Life*, and was recently awarded the Komaki Fellowship for non-fiction celebrating activism.



## INTERFAITH VISIONARIES (CONT'D.)



### **Dena Merriam**

Ms. Merriam is the Founder and Convener of the Global Peace Initiative of Women (GPIW), an interfaith conference of women religious and spiritual leaders that aims to facilitate healing in areas of conflict, to bring spiritual resources to address global problems, and to foster new models of inclusive, sustainable development. Ms. Merriam received her Master's Degree from Columbia University and has served on the boards of the International Center for Religion and Diplomacy and the Interfaith Center of New York.



### **The Right Reverend Yoshinobu Miyake**

The Rt. Rev. Yoshinobu Miyake is the Superior General of the Konko Church of Izu in Osaka, Japan, and is Director of the International Society of Shinto. Active worldwide in the field of interfaith dialogue for the past thirty years, he serves as General Secretary of the G8 Religious Leaders Summit. Born into a family of Shinto priests, Rev. Miyake studied at Doshisha University in Kyoto and at Harvard University, where he received a PhD from the School of Theology.



### **The Very Reverend James Parks Morton**

The Very Reverend James Parks Morton is retired Dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, and Founder and current President of the Interfaith Center of New York. Dean Morton achieved recognition throughout the world as an energetic and accomplished religious leader. Morton has founded social service organizations, become a force within the sacred ecology movement, and served as an ambassador of tolerance through a respect for all faith traditions.



### **Shri Vivek Muni**

Shri Vivek Muni is a Disciple of His Holiness Acharya Sushil Kumarji Maharaj and a Jain monk. After His Holiness took Samadhi in 1994, Shri Vivek Muni has been instrumental in carrying forward his legacy. He devotes himself to following the path of peace and harmony and believes that the survival of mankind is dependent on the survival of millions of other species on Earth. Shri Vivek Muni regularly participates in seminars on Interfaith Harmony and Environmental Protection with other global spiritual leaders.



### **Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf**

Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf is the Imam of Masjid al-Farah, a mosque in New York, and the Founder and CEO of the American Society for Muslim Advancement. Imam Rauf has received international attention for the Cordoba Initiative, an inter-religious blueprint for improving relations between the Muslim world and the West. He has written several books on Islam and its place in contemporary Western society, including *What's Right with Islam: A New Vision for Muslims and the West*.



## INTERFAITH VISIONARIES (CONT'D.)



### **Dr. Steven C. Rockefeller**

Steven C. Rockefeller is professor emeritus of religion at Middlebury College. He received graduate degrees from Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University. He is the author of *John Dewey: Religious Faith and Democratic Humanism*. Professor Rockefeller played a leading role in the drafting of the Earth Charter, which is a declaration of fundamental principles for building a just, sustainable, and peaceful world. He has served as a trustee of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund (RBF) for thirty-three years.



### **Marc Scheuer**

Marc Scheuer is director of the Secretariat of the Alliance of Civilizations, a political initiative under the auspices of the UN Secretary General. He was director of the Office of the Human Rights Commissioner, assisting the Commissioner in making country assessments and policy recommendations. He coordinated the Council of Europe's early response to the 9/11 events, including developing intercultural and interreligious dialogue. He received a law degree from Louvain University in Belgium.



### **Bhai Sahib Dr. Mohinder Singh**

Bhai Sahib Bhai Mohinder Singh is a Chairman of the Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha (Birmingham) UK, a charitable organization. He is a retired civil engineer and has participated in the restoration of several sacred Sikh shrines in India. Bhai Sahib Ji is the Chairman of the British Sikh Consultative Forum, an International Trustee of World Conference of Religions for Peace, and a recipient of the 2008 Juliet Hollister Award from the Temple of Understanding.



### **Rajinderjit K. Singh**

Mrs. Singh's major goal is to expand and enlighten the hearts and minds of people globally through education. She is President of the Sikh Heritage Foundation, President of the East and West Association of Sikh Women for World Peace and Board Member of the Long Island Multi-Faith Forum. She is a member of the International Women's Coordinating Committee of Long Island Religions for Peace, which raises awareness about the conditions of women around the world, and participates in numerous community service projects through the Long Island Multi-Faith Forum.



### **Reverend Helen Summers**

Reverend Helen Summers is the Founder and Director of the Interfaith Centre of Melbourne. The Centre is advised by global religious leaders and wisdom-keepers, and works in collaboration with organizations and individuals dedicated to promoting mutual understanding and cooperation among faiths within Australia and throughout the World. Rev. Summers graduated from The New Seminary and was ordained at The Cathedral of St. John the Divine as an Interfaith Minister.



## INTERFAITH VISIONARIES (CONT'D.)



### **Mr. Jacob Swamp**

Jake Swamp was a Mohawk Sub-Chief and a representative on the Grand Council of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Confederacy for over thirty-seven years. A leader of the Akwesasne Mohawk Nation, he led the creation of the Akwesasne Freedom School, which has served as inspiration to many First Nation peoples. Chief Swamp has worked tirelessly to bridge cultural differences through respectful dialogue and promote collective action to address environmental and social problems.



### **The Right Reverend William Swing**

Rev. Swing is the Founder of the United Religions Initiative, which aims to bring together people of diverse religions to pursue peace. He served as Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of California and has over 50 years of experience addressing the pastoral needs of diverse communities. He has been a leader in addressing social concern ministries and is a Board member of the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR). He is a graduate of Kenyon College and Virginia Theological Seminary.



### **Dharma Master Hsin Tao**

Dharma Master Hsin Tao is the Founder and Abbot of the Wusheng Monastery in Taiwan. He founded the Museum of World Religions to encourage understanding, respect, love and peace among the world's religious traditions. He also founded the UN-affiliated Global Family for Love & Peace to conduct intercultural and interfaith dialogue, including Buddhist-Muslim discussions throughout 10 countries. Master Hsin Tao leads several humanitarian efforts to provide disaster relief to needy communities.



### **Dr. Robert A. F. Thurman**

Robert A.F. Thurman is the Jey Tsong Khapa Professor of Indo-Tibetan Buddhist Studies in the Department of Religion at Columbia University, and Co-founder and President of Tibet House US. He writes and lectures frequently on Buddhism, Asian history, and critical philosophy. Professor Thurman is a passionate advocate and spokesperson for the truth regarding the current Tibet-China situation and the human rights violations suffered by the Tibetan people under Chinese rule.



### **Rabbi Lawrence Troster**

Rabbi Troster is Director of the Fellowship Program and Rabbinic Scholar-in-Residence for GreenFaith, a multi-faith environmental organization in New Jersey. He is one of the country's foremost Jewish eco-theologians and religious environmental leaders, and has held leadership roles at Bard College and the Rabbinical School of the Jewish Theological Seminary. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and is pursuing studies at the Drew Theological School.



## INTERFAITH VISIONARIES (CONT'D.)



### **Dr. Mary Evelyn Tucker**

Mary Evelyn Tucker is a Senior Lecturer and Senior Scholar at Yale University, where she has appointments in the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, as well as the Divinity School and the Department of Religious Studies. She is a co-founder with John Grim of the Forum on Religion and Ecology. She is the author of *Worldly Wonder: Religions Enter Their Ecological Phase*, and has edited several volumes on religions & ecology. She holds a PhD from Columbia University.



### **Dr. William F. Vendley**

Dr. William Vendley is the Secretary General and chief executive officer of *Religions for Peace*. He works in areas engaged in armed conflict to mobilize and equip religious communities to mediate and mitigate violent conflict and build a climate of peace. Dr. Vendley advises the White House through the Interreligious Dialogue and Cooperation Task Force. He is a theologian and holds degrees from Fordham University and Maryknoll School of Theology.



### **The Reverend Dr. Franklin E. Vilas**

Dr. Vilas is the founder of the national Episcopal Environmental Network and GreenFaith. Ordained to the Priesthood of the Episcopal Church, he served as Priest-in-Charge of Trinity Church and St. Paul's Church in Lower Manhattan. Dr. Vilas served on the President's Commission on Mental Health and has been engaged in the ministries of environmental stewardship and eco-justice. He was born and raised in New York City and attended Yale University and Virginia Theological Seminary.



### **Mr. Stein Villumstad**

Stein Villumstad is the Deputy Secretary General of *Religions for Peace*, where he works with global religious leaders and communities promoting peace and human development. Mr. Villumstad worked for Norwegian Church aid, serving as Regional Representative in Eastern Africa and holding the position of Assistant General Secretary. He was the first co-chair of Action by Churches Together (ACT International), an Ecumenical network of over 100 faith organizations engaged in emergency relief.



### **Steven Waldman**

Steven Waldman is Senior Advisor to the Chair of the Federal Communications Commission, where he leads an agency-wide effort to assess the state of the media and ensure a vibrant media landscape. He was co-founder, CEO and Editor-in-Chief of *BeliefNet.com*, the award-winning multi-faith spirituality website. He is the author of the bestseller *Founding Faith: Providence, Politics and the Birth of Religious Freedom in America*. Mr. Waldman was named a "Spiritual Innovator" by *Time* magazine.



## INTERFAITH VISIONARIES (CONT'D.)



### **Hon. Yao Eng-Chi**

Honorable Yao Eng-Chi is the President of The World League for Freedom and Democracy, a global organization comprised of 144 national chapters and affiliated international agencies, whose mission is to spotlight and encourage political freedoms through the strengthening of democratic principles in all countries of the world. The organization serves as a catalyst to focus international attention on the activities of people who are fighting for their rights of self-determination as demonstrated in self-governing practices and advocacy for civil liberties. Additionally, Honorable Yao is Vice President of the Legislative Yuan Members Association, R.O.C., Honorable President of The World Hakka Federation, Honorable President of the Legislative Yuan branch of the Friends of Taiwanese Merchants, and Chairman of the Central Advisory Council of the Presidium.



### **Master Cheng Yen**

Master Cheng Yen is a Buddhist nun who established the Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation in 1966. The foundation has become the largest humanitarian organization in the Chinese-speaking world, with nearly 10 million members in 50 countries. Her spirit of selfless love for all beings has moved volunteers to serve those in need by providing disaster relief and medical aid, building schools and hospitals, facilitating bone marrow donations and furthering the global movement for environmental protection.



### **Venerable Dr. Yifa**

Venerable Dr. Yifa has been a nun at Fo Guang Shan Monastery in Taiwan since 1979. For many years, she has been engaged in interfaith dialogues such as the "Gethsemane Encounter", "International Buddhist-Christian Theology" and "Religious Ethics" supported by UNESCO. She co-chaired "Nuns in the West", an interfaith monastic dialogue, and was a contributor to "Safe Motherhood Project" by UNICEF's South Asia office. Additionally, she conducted the Humanistic Monastic Life Programs sponsored by Buddha's Light International Society and directed the Sutra Pagoda Project to research and translate Buddhist scriptures. Venerable Dr. Yifa is the author of *The Origin of Buddhist and Monastic Codes in China and Safeguarding the Heart: a Buddhist Response to Suffering and September 11*.

## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISERS

### **Dr. Robert Bell**

Dr. Robert Bell is a Professor of Management and Chair of the Economics Department at Brooklyn College, City University of New York. He is the author of *Beursbedrog* (The Stock Market Sting), *Les Peches Capitoux de la Haute Technologie* (The Capital Sins of High Technology), *Impure Science*, and, most recently, *The Green Bubble*.

### **Mr. Bill Blakemore**

Mr. Bill Blakemore has spearheaded ABC's coverage of global warming, traveling everywhere from the tropics to polar regions to report on the impacts and dangers of climate change, as well as possible solutions for it. He began focusing on global warming even as he was finishing his 27-year coverage of the entire papacy of Pope John Paul II. Blakemore has covered a range of news stories over the course of his career, including six major political assassinations, eight hostage sieges, seven earthquakes, more than a dozen commercial plane crashes, two volcanoes, the long-range effects of the Exxon-Valdez oil spill in Alaska, and the practice of "3rd Party Conflict Resolution" during the U.S. hostage crisis in Iran.

### **Juanita Castaño**

Mrs. Juanita Castaño is the Director of the New York Office of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). She has previously served as the Deputy Permanent Representative for the Parliament Mission of Colombia to the UN, as head of the Regional Office for South America at the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and as special advisor for the IUCN's preparations for the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development.

### **Father John Chryssavgis**

After founding St. Andrew's Theological College in Sydney (1985), serving as Professor of Theology at Holy Cross School of Theology in Boston, directing the Religious Studies Program at Hellenic College, and establishing the Environment Office at Hellenic College, Father John Chryssavgis currently serves as theological advisor to the Ecumenical Patriarch on environmental issues. He is the author of several books, including his more recent *Beyond the Shattered Image: Insights into an Orthodox Christian Ecological Worldview*.

### **Dr. Graziella Chichilnisky**

Dr. Graziella Chichilnisky is a Professor of Economics and Mathematical Statistics at Columbia University, Director of Columbia Consortium for Risk Management (CCRM), the Sir Louis Matheson Distinguished Professor at Monash University, Distinguished Visiting Professor at Nankai University and at Beijing Normal University, and the Founder and Managing Director of Global Thermostat, LLC. She is the well-noted author of the carbon market of the Kyoto Protocol that became international law in 2005, as well as the creator of the concept of Basic Needs voted by 153 nations at the 1993 Earth Summit to be the cornerstone of Sustainable Development. Dr. Chichilnisky acted as a lead author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which received the 2007 Nobel Prize. A special adviser to several UN organizations and heads of state, her pioneering work uses innovative market mechanisms to reduce carbon emissions, conserve biodiversity and ecosystem services and improve the lot of the poor.

### **Rev. Dr. Kurt Johnson**

A Christian monastic for 14 years, Rev. Dr. Kurt Johnson then became a professional scientist in evolutionary biology for 20 years. In 2002 he formed, with Catholic monk Bro. Wayne Teasdale, InterSpiritual Dialogue, a network for contemplative sharing across religious traditions. Rev. Johnson then joined OneSpirit Learning Alliance and Interfaith Seminary, where he teaches world religions and Integral Spirituality. Most recently, Dr. Johnson has been a co-founder of the International Contemplative Alliance and the Community of The Mystic Heart.

## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISERS (CONT'D.)

### **Mr. Dan Miner**

Dan Miner serves as Senior Vice President of the Long Island City Business Development Corporation, and coauthored its *Going Green Guide for Business*. Mr. Miner also authored the 2008 report on *Sustainable Energy Independence for NYC*, which called for integrating preparation for higher fuel prices and energy volatility into PlaNYC. PlaNYC is a design for the sustainability of New York City, initiated by Mayor Michael Bloomberg's office and outlines Mayor Bloomberg's vision for New York City over the next twenty-five years. Dan Miner is also involved with a variety of urban sustainability volunteer projects.

### **Mr. Brian A. Rosborough**

Brian A. Rosborough, Founding Chairman and former CEO of Earthwatch Institute, has been a pioneer in the environmental field. Since its founding in 1971, Earthwatch has supported over 3000 scientific expeditions in 120 countries to investigate and monitor environmental change. Mr. Rosborough now serves on civic and educational boards in fields of interest. Recently, he advised or designed projects for Ossabaw Island Foundation, Deerfield Academy, Tulane University, the Rocky Mountain Institute, Cape Cod National Seashore, International Development Enterprises, Digital Nations, the UN ICT Task Force, and MIT Media Lab.

### **Ms. Cynthia Sampson**

After working for 13 years in environmentalism and environmental dispute resolution, Ms. Sampson then segued into a 21-year career in international conflict resolution. She worked in program development and fundraising with several leading interfaith organizations and as an author and coeditor of three books. In 2005, Ms. Sampson decided to integrate the various strands of her career, and she is now a freelance editor and writer focusing on environmental peacemaking, religion, and ecology.

### **Mr. Jim Sniffen**

Mr. Jim Sniffen is a Program Officer with the New York Office of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), handling communications, outreach and administrative matters, among others. He joined the UN in New York in 1980, serving initially with its Press Section. He transferred to UNEP headquarters in Nairobi in 1991 as its Media Officer, before joining its NY Office in 1996. With UNEP he has served as spokesman for several international conferences on subjects ranging from biodiversity conservation to ozone layer protection. He has also served with the UN Mission for Namibia's Independence in 1989.

### **Mr. Tim Tobin**

Mr. Tim Tobin is Chair of the NC Energy Policy Council and a principal in green energy and green building ventures in North Carolina, including Greenbridge Developments, LLC. He serves on the NC Legislative Commission on Global Climate Change and is Chairman of the Board of Visitors at the UNC-CH Institute for the Environment. Mr. Tobin and his wife Megan own and manage an educational farm in Western Orange County NC that operates on a hybrid solar and wind renewable energy system. They grow organic vegetables and make biodiesel from waste vegetable grease.



## MASTER OF CEREMONY



### MR. ROLLAND G. SMITH

Mr. Rolland Smith has over forty five years of professional broadcast experience as an anchorman, reporter, writer, producer and commentator. He is the recipient of 11 Emmy Awards and has been honored by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences with 35 Emmy nominations. Highlights of his forty years in broadcasting include: news anchor at WCBS-TV Channel Two News, co-host of *The CBS Morning Program*, anchor of the documentary series *Eye on New York* and the Ten o'clock news at WWOR-TV in New York.

He has conducted interviews with many world figures and political leaders, covered the Vietnam War during the Tet Offensive, anchored the international broadcast feed of *Live Aid*, anchored *Our Common Future* in an effort to raise the world's awareness of environmental dangers, and anchored and wrote a live two-hour broadcast from Moscow entitled *Earth Alert: A Global Forum*. He was also the first journalist to accompany the U.S. geological survey Team inside Mt. St. Helens after the volcano's eruption.

In addition to Smith's on-air accomplishments, he is the former president of the foundation for global Broadcasting, a non-profit organization encouraging the use of television and radio to further cross-cultural understanding. Currently, he is writing poetry, as well as writing and producing independent documentaries.



## PERFORMERS



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### SIMON MULLIGAN

British pianist Simon Mulligan is, according to the Times of London 'the most abundantly gifted of pianists.' Pulitzer prizewinning composer Paul Moravec calls him 'a pianist with complete mastery of the instrument'; while Herbie Hancock says 'You have a phenomenal touch, man!'

In addition to his extensive discography and vast repertoire, Mulligan's solo work gains praise from critics and audiences alike, and his collaborations include highly acclaimed performances and recordings with Joshua Bell, Lynn Harrell, Leonard Slatkin, and the late Yehudi Menuhin. He has performed all over the world, most notably at Carnegie Hall in New York, the Wigmore Hall and Royal Albert Hall in London, and Suntory Hall in Tokyo. His work can also be heard on the soundtrack for the Steven Spielberg film *Band of Brothers* and he continues to lead his own Jazz Quartet, which he started when he was thirteen years old.



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British pianist Simon Mulligan is, according to the Times of London 'the most abundantly gifted of pianists.' Pulitzer prizewinning composer Paul Moravec calls him 'a pianist with complete mastery of the instrument'; while Herbie Hancock says 'You have a phenomenal touch, man!'

In addition to his extensive discography and vast repertoire, Mulligan's solo work gains praise from critics and audiences alike, and his collaborations include highly acclaimed performances and recordings with Joshua Bell, Lynn Harrell, Leonard Slatkin, and the late Yehudi Menuhin. He has performed all over the world, most notably at Carnegie Hall in New York, the Wigmore Hall and Royal Albert Hall in London, and Suntory Hall in Tokyo. His work can also be heard on the soundtrack for the Steven Spielberg film *Band of Brothers* and he continues to lead his own Jazz Quartet, which he started when he was thirteen years old.

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This year, in honor of the Temple of Understanding's 50th Anniversary, the India Chapter organized a three-day conference entitled the *Asian Interfaith Consultation & 50th Anniversary of the Temple of Understanding*.



**Dr. Karan Singh** is an Indian politician, author, environmentalist, and diplomat. He was born as the Yuvraj, or heir-apparent, to the then ruler of the state of Jammu and Kashmir Maharaja Hari Singh, in the royal family of Jammu and Kashmir. He has remained in the political limelight since his youth, first succeeding his father Maharaja Hari Singh as Regent in 1949, then as the Sadr-i-Riyasat of Jammu and Kashmir and then as the Governor of the State. In 1967, Dr. Karan Singh was inducted as a member of the Union Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi. Thereafter, he was elected to the Lok Sabha from Udhampur Parliamentary constituency in Jammu Division as a nominee of Indian National Congress and he continued to retain this Constituency in the Parliamentary elections of 1971, 1977 and 1980. He also served as India's Ambassador to United States of America from 1989 to 1990. At present, he is a member of the Rajya Sabha and Chairman of the AICC Foreign Department.

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It is a great pleasure to welcome everyone to the Hollister Awards Gala, hosted by the Temple of Understanding as it celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

People of every race and religion, every background and belief, call New York City home. And since our City's founding nearly 400 years ago, New Yorkers have relied on the leadership of religious communities—the churches, mosques, synagogues, and temples that continue to inspire their members' private reflection and public service. Thanks to its educational programs, institutional partnerships, and public events, the Temple of Understanding has thrived for 50 years, and today stands as a beacon of hope for the faithful throughout the five boroughs.

I'm proud to join you in applauding today's honorees—Karen Armstrong, His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Prince Hassan bin Talal, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu—and in reaffirming this organization's commitment to all people seeking a spiritual home. On behalf of the City of New York, I offer my best wishes for an enjoyable event and continued success.

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Congratulations once again! I wish you, your members, and this year's honoree's – Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal of Jordan, His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Karen Armstrong – all the best for a wonderful celebration.

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## MESSAGE

I am happy to be involved with the Temple of Understanding in its effort to promote inter-religious harmony and understanding. I am therefore pleased to send this message of greetings on the occasion of The Interfaith Visionary Call To Action Conference on Sustainable Development being held on October 19, 2010.

I am glad that interfaith leaders are coming together to explore the role of the interfaith movement in addressing climate change and promoting sustainable development.

Destruction of nature and natural resources results from ignorance, greed, and lack of respect for the earth's living beings. This lack of respect extends even to the earth's human descendants, the future generations who will inherit a vastly degraded planet if destruction of the natural environment continues at the present rate. The very perceptible change in climatic conditions in recent times could be a clear warning from Mother Earth that there are limits to our actions.

Resolving the environmental crisis is not just a question of ethics but a question of our own survival. The natural environment is very important not only for those of us alive now but also for future generations. If we exploit it in extreme ways, even though we may get immediate material benefit for the time being, in the long run we ourselves and future generations will suffer.

Therefore the time has come to realize the importance of sustainable development and put together practical measures to carry this movement forward for the benefit of all.

From a historical perspective some of the destruction in the past could have been due to our ignorance. Today, however, we have access to more information. It is essential that we re-examine ethically what we have inherited, what we are responsible for, and what we will pass on to coming generations.

I therefore hope that your conference will look at some of these issues and see how the interfaith family can promote better environmental awareness and a sense of universal responsibility to make this world a better place for all its present and future generations.

October 5, 2010



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