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World HUNGER PROGRAMME

UNITED NATIONS:



the Heart-Home
of the World-Body

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Dear

We believe and we hold that each man has the potentiality of reaching the Ultimate Truth. We also believe that man cannot and will not remain imperfect forever. Each man is an instrument of God. When the hour strikes, each individual soul listens to the inner dictates of God. When man listens to God, his imperfections are turned into perfections, his ignorance into knowledge, his searching mind into revealing light and his uncertain reality into all-fulfilling Divinity

We warmly invite you to our program on a creative approach to world hunger by Peter Mann, project coordinator for World Hunger Year. It will be held this coming Friday, July 22, in the Dag Hammarskjold Auditorium at 1:00 P.M.

I felt you would be particularly interested in hearing Peter Mann's experiential story, in seeing his slides and award winning videos, and in asking him questions.

We are always delighted to have your presence at our meetings, and this presentation on a new vision for conquering world hunger promises to be truly inspiring to the international community.

Please come with your friends and any associates you feel would enjoy the experience.

Sincerely yours,

Surabhi's programme

Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations is an association of United Nations delegates, staff, NGO representatives and accredited press correspondents holding twice-weekly peace meditations and other programmes at United Nations Headquarters.

YOUR CONCERN FOR
WORLD HUNGER

A presentation by Peter Mann,
Project Co-ordinator for World Hunger Year,
will focus on:

- a new vision of development
- what gives us hope
- what gives power to our work for development and release from poverty



Friday, 22 July 1988 • 1:00 p.m.
Dag Hammarskjold Auditorium

World Hunger Year—founded in 1975 by late singer/songwriter Harry Chapin and its present director, Bill Ayres—helps inform the American people about the extent and causes of domestic and international hunger, and seeks to develop the kinds of programs and policies necessary to end hunger. WHY ran a 24-hour radiothon from the UN visitors' area last November. They raised \$260,000 for UNICEF's campaign to help the children of Central America and for WHY's campaign to end hunger and homelessness in America.

Peter Mann's work entails writing for and editing *Food Monitor* and *Hungerline Reports*, running the World Hunger Media Awards, and working with the media, the UN and hunger and development organizations in the US and abroad.

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Concern for World Hunger

Hope and the Power to Act

Welcome

On behalf of Sri Chinmoy: the Peace Meditation at the United Nations and the Relaxation Club I welcome you to our programme today, which focuses on concern for world hunger.

Opening Meditation

We open all our programmes with a peace meditation, in the spirit of the moment of silence with which the regular sessions of the General Assembly traditionally begin. That moment when all the delegates are joined in silence symbolizes for many the union of all the peoples of the world in their common quest for peace.

Today in this forum dealing with world hunger, we are mindful of our hopes and ideals which give us the power to act. With this in mind we humbly request Sri Chinmoy to lead us in a meditation for Peace to renew our sense of dedication.

Song

I also request the meditation choir to perform an inspiring song to remind us of our hopeful vision. (Depending on the time available there may be a recitation of inspiring quotes)

Sun Vision Plan

Introduction

Over the years the meditation group has co-sponsored many programmes during which our colleagues have shared their thoughts with us.

On the most memorable occasions, our guests have shared something of their own personal growth and commitment during their presentation. We have been touched by the heartfelt inspiration behind their illumined service.

Within the UN Community it is assumed that we are all working for peace. But we need to be reminded of all the various aspects of that effort and of the need to encourage each other in our common quest.

Most of the global concerns expressed at the UN could and often do stand by themselves. However, it is easy to become completely engrossed or even overwhelmed by just one of these major concerns. The sense of frustration and ultimate withdrawal that often results can only be counter balanced by a wider vision that places these concerns in a global perspective by the awareness that efforts must be patiently sustained for long periods of time. True world concern can only be maintained by nourishment of the spirit. Our theme for today, WORLD HUNGER is vast and complex, but with Peter Mann's help we can keep our hope alive and mobilize strength for action.

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Peter Mann has known Sri Chinmoy for a number of years. Some time ago I became aware of Peter's work thanks to Surabhi Splain of IIE. When we were discussing this programme, we knew that Peter would find a very receptive audience here. I also thought of Sri Chinmoy's message that the United Nations is not only for the delegates and representative of the various nations, but for all those who have aspired and do aspire and will always aspire." Peter has a great love and respect for the United Nations and through his work is promoting its goals in an exemplary manner.

Peter Mann is Project Coordinator for World Hunger Year. He edits Food Monitor and Hungerline Reports, runs the World Hunger Media Awards and works with hunger and development organizations in the US and abroad.

Dag Hammarskjold said in his book called Markings that "without the humility and warmth which you have to develop in your relations to the few with whom you are personally involved, you will never be able to do anything for the many." Peter has a vision that encompasses the Global Village, a concern for the struggling individual villages of the world and a personal warmth and humility that is immediately conveyed to all who meet him.

Please welcome Peter Mann.

Closing:

The experience and wisdom of those who are working in each area of development counter the feeling of personal frustration when we see how much there is to be done for the world. If we are all, as Sri Chinmoy would say, the children of the Supreme Being, then it is important for us to support his multifarious works with our good will even if we ourselves cannot assist outwardly. Without this integrated, interdependent and mutually supportive approach the end result of our efforts is likely to be less than what we hoped for and certainly be less than what is required for real progress to take place.

Peter's presentation has exhibited his personal sense of commitment and inner peace. He has indeed given us hope. Thank you.