

THE SPIRIT OF THE UN

The Dynamics of Spiritual and Ethical Sustainability Embracing a New Era

*Week of Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns
20 – 24 October 2014*

8th Annual “Spirit of the United Nations” Awards

**20 October 2014
12:00 – 3:00 pm
Church Center of the United Nations
777 UN Plaza – 2nd Floor
New York, NY**



Presented by:
NGO Committee on Spirituality,
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“SPIRIT OF THE UN” AWARD CEREMONY

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Musical Interlude-----Ms. Elaine Shao, *Pianist*

Opening by Emcee-----Dr. Ani Kalayjian,
Vice Chairperson, CSVGC-NY

Universal Prayer for Peace-----Ms. Monica Willard, *URI-UN*
Ms. Deborah Moldow, *World
Peace Prayer Society*

Musical Presentation-----Ms. Rebecca Cherry, *Violinist*

Welcome Remarks-----Ms. Eugenia “Genie” Kagawa
Chairperson, CSVGC-NY

Congratulatory Remarks-----H.E. Mr. Anwarul K. Chowdhury
Former High Representative and Under-Secretary-General to the UN

Special Remarks-----Mr. Levi Bautista, *CoNGO*
Immediate Past President

Spiritual History of the United Nations-----Rabbi Roger Ross
Vice Chair, Week of Spirituality 2014

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Musical Presentation -----“Timeless Classical Traditions” Ballet
Claudia Stoltman, Dance Soloist, with Jacob Nordinger, Georgina Rossi

PRESENTATION OF AWARD AND INTRODUCTION TO

H.E. Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Flores Flake

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Honduras to the United Nations

Introduction ----- Ms. Eugenia “Genie” Kagawa
Chairperson, CSVGC-NY

Acceptance Speech-----H.E. Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Flores Flake

PRESENTATION OF AWARD AND INTRODUCTION TO

Ms. Gay Rosenblum-Kumar

*Executive Secretary, United Nations Interagency Framework
Team for Preventive Action*

Introduction-----Swami Parameshananda
Executive Officer, CSVGC-NY

Acceptance Speech-----Ms. Gay Rosenblum-Kumar

PRESENTATION OF AWARD AND INTRODUCTION TO

Mr. Tairiku Okada

Spiritual Leader, Sukyo Mahikari

Introduction-----Mrs. Sharon Hamilton-Getz
Chair Emeritus, CSVGC-NY

Acceptance Speech-----Mr. Tairiku Okada

PRESENTATION OF AWARD AND INTRODUCTION TO

Ms. Mirian Vilela

Executive Director, The Earth Charter

Introduction -----Mr. Rick Clugston
Founder, Earth Charter U.S.A.

Acceptance Speech ----- Ms. Mirian Vilela

Musical Presentation -----Roger Davidson, Founder, *Society for
Universal Sacred Music*

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Mrs. Sharon Hamilton-Getz

Chair Emeritus, CSVGC-NY

Introduction-----Ms. Eugenia "Genie" Kagawa
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Moment of Silence and Reflection

Closing Remarks and Words of Gratitude-----Dr. Kathy Winings
V.P., International Relief Friendship Foundation

UNITED NATIONS 69th Anniversary Celebration – Cake Cutting

"Happy Anniversary to the United Nations" – Audience Participation

CELEBRATION WITH SNACKS AND MUSIC

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Special Thanks:

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Volunteers: Arul Vellappan, Elena Bahian, Pr. Sudeer Kumar Kondru, Heather Fraser-Harris, Yilan Shao, Doghudje Doghudje, Yungsoon Quinn, Bindu Jacob, Roger Davidson, Nilcelia Davidson, Sue Kim, Hazel Brillantes, Keiko White

"Spirit of the UN" Award Recipients 2014



H.E. Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Flores Flake, appointed Ambassador to the United Nations after being a leading political figure in Honduras, particularly as the Vice-President of the National Congress. Known as a reformer, working for human rights, education, and justice, she represents the Honduras Government of Unity and Reconciliation, and is a member of the Executive Board of the International Association of Permanent Representatives. She served as Vice-President of the 67th Session of the UN General Assembly.



Ms. Gay Roseblum-Kumar has worked with the United Nations for the past 25 years, most recently leading the Secretariat of the UN Interagency Framework Team for Preventive Action (FT), an informal mechanism supporting conflict prevention and transformation. She played a major role in developing new conceptual and operational approaches to early conflict prevention and policy and practice in the UN System. Presently, she continues peacebuilding initiatives concerning conflict and violence prevention .



Mr. Tairiku Okada is Spiritual Leader of Sukyo Mahikari 2002, and serves as the President of Forum 21 Institute. Mr. Okada is Chairman of the Board of Hkaru Museum which studies the underlying unity of the earth's civilizations. He promotes key community service projects for youth. He worked to co-sponsored the UN Millennium World Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders in 2000, and in 2006 addressed the UN on transcending barriers of race, religion , nationality and ideology.



Ms. Mirian Vilela is Executive Director of the Earth Charter International Secretariat and the Center for Education for Sustainable Development at UPEACE. She is coordinating the newly established UNESCO Chair on Education for Sustainable Development with the Earth Charter. She has extensive experience working with the UN Earth Summit, UNCTAD, World Summit on Sustainable Development and Rio+20. She facilitated numerous international seminars on the values and principles of sustainability.



Mrs. Sharon Hamilton-Getz is President and founder of World Harmony Council and Forum. She is a public speaker to international audiences, and as an interfaith minister, she travelled globally as an ambassador of good will and led conferences on cross-cultural understanding and the empowerment of women. She is Chair-Emerita and Co-Founder of the NGO Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns-NY at the United Nations.

Artistic Presentations for "Spirit of the UN" Awards 2014



Yilan Shao is from Shanghai, China and was mentored by a professor of the Sanghai Conservatory of Music. She was awarded the top prize for her music in playing pieces from well-known Masters. A law graduate from Shanghai Jiao Tong, she is currently focusing on sacred music as her recent musical passion.



Rebecca Cherry's work as a violinist and composer has won wide acclaim, including a Chio Award for groundbreaking performances and writing in TV and film. She has performed and recorded with top artists and has been featured in top classical recordings. Her musical piece by Rachmaninoff in her performance today was selected by the artist because it embodies the Spirit of the UN.



Claudia J. Stoltman, Dance Soloist, Jacob Nordlinger, cellist, Georgina Rossi, Viola

Timeless Classical Traditions is a presentation of classically-based music and dance for "The Spirit of the UN" Awards Ceremony

Erick Satie, Gymnopodie I

Claudia Jill Stoltman, dance soloist

Jacob Nordlinger, cello

Georgina Rossi, viola

Johann Sebastian Bach, Cello Suite #6, Allamande

Jacob Nordlinger, cello

Its purpose is to uplift its audience, encouraging a thoughtful and inspired state of mind, a basis for peaceful, unified thinking and positive contribution. These values are at the foundation of sustainability, integrating a clear relationship between music, movement, thought and expression.



For Roger Davidson, music is a world without boundaries. Though a classic artist, he developed a fearless eclectic reach, both as a composer and a pianist. "Music is for the world", he says, as his repertoire ranges from chamber, symphonic, choral pieces to jazz. He is "extraordinary" and is said to reach "the inner soul" through his music.



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**Spiritual Council for Global Challenges
Working Group of CSVGC-NY
presents**

“Nurturing and Its Role in Peace and Sustainable Development”

Panel Discussion

**Nurturing Through Government:
H.E. Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Flores Flake**

**Nurturing Through Law:
Ms. Devika Kewalramani, Partner Moses and Singer LLP
Co-Chair, Legal Ethics and Law Firm Practice**

**Nurturing through Women:
Ms. Inna Revina, Holistic Health Coach & Chef
Founder, Innaturaliscious and Be Vital You - Yoga Teacher**

**Nurturing through Community:
Virja Puri, CEO Gotham Greens (Invited)
Mr. Charles Nunag, Global and Local Sustainable Farming**

**Nurturing through Science and Technology:
Mr. Richard J. Sobelsohn, Esq.**

24 October, 2014 ♦ 1:00 – 2:30 PM

**Venue : Nigeria House, 828 2nd Avenue,
44th and 2nd Avenue, 21st Floor**

**Co-Chairs, Eugenia Kagawa and Sharon Hamilton-Getz
Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns**

**Co-Sponsors: Institute of International Social Development (IISD), Universal
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