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ANNUAL REPORT

As you can see by the article on the right, the Foundation is trying something new this year. This past spring we reached out to the Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers (MAP) (of which the Foundation is a long-time member) and decided to jointly sponsor a new fall event, *Bringing Generations Together: Creating a Culture of Peace*. This event is a pilot project and will serve as the Foundation's annual awards presentation for this year.

As we explored various possibilities, the idea of a dialogue between elders and youth resonated with both organizations as a means to inspire, motivate and energize those dedicated to peace and justice. Who better to begin an intergenerational dialogue than our distinguished veteran peacemakers receiving the 2010 Honorary Awards and the passionate students in the 2010 class of Hawkinson scholars? We hope you will join us for this special evening.

This past year, the Foundation launched a new web site — and we are very pleased with the results. Please take a look at [www.hawkinsonfoundation.org](http://www.hawkinsonfoundation.org).

As many of you know, this past June we were very saddened by the death of our board chair, Deon Stuthman. In 1988 Deon became one of the co-founders of the Foundation and has been a dedicated and steadfast advocate for its mission and work over the years. He is sorely missed. (Please see page 10)

Thank you to each of you for your continued support. We invite you to share the story of the Foundation with your family and friends as we widen the circle of those working faithfully for a better world.

Mary Halvorson, Acting Chair  
Board of Directors

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November 5, 2010

## Hawkinson Foundation teams with Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers for an intergenerational “culture of peace” event

In an exciting new collaboration, the Vincent L. Hawkinson Foundation for Peace & Justice will join with the Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers (MAP) in sponsoring an intergenerational event on November 5, 2010 at Centennial United Methodist Church, 1524 West County Road C2, Roseville, MN. Entitled *Bringing Generations Together: Creating a Culture of Peace*, the event includes the following:

- **SCHOLARS DINNER** at 5:30 p.m.  
The 2010 Hawkinson scholarship recipients will be special guests at a dinner (reservation only) to raise awareness and funds for the Hawkinson scholarship program. The scholarships will be presented and students will talk about their peacemaking efforts. Invitations will be sent to Hawkinson Foundation and MAP members in the coming weeks.
- **PEACEMAKERS FAIR** from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
A MAP exhibit fair of peace and justice organizations will be open to the public.
- **CULTURE OF PEACE DIALOGUE** at 7:30 p.m.  
This free-of-charge program begins with presentation of the 2010 Hawkinson Honorary Awards, followed by an intergenerational dialogue on peacemaking between Hawkinson honorees and Hawkinson scholarship recipients moderated by former MPR program host and reporter Jeff Horwich. Then, students from the University of St. Thomas Peace and Justice program will present alternatives to violence—strategies and tactics—for contributing to a culture of peace. Finally, audience members will be invited to participate in a dialogue, focusing on questions that will define further development of a culture of peace.

“We believe bringing together people of different ages and perspectives and engaging them in thoughtful conversation will strengthen our collective efforts to achieve a more peaceful and just world,” said Eric Huckle, Hawkinson Foundation executive director.

For more information, call 612-331-8125.



## HAWKINSON SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

Hawkinson Scholarships are awarded annually to undergraduate or graduate students who are a resident of or currently attending school in Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota or Wisconsin.

To qualify, applicants must have demonstrated a commitment to peace and justice through at least one of the following:

- Completed a specific peace and justice project;
- Were courageous in pursuing their convictions about peace and justice;
- Displayed ongoing commitment to, and leadership in, a peace organization;
- Served as a role model for others in moving church or society into new realms of thought and practice regarding peace and justice.

In addition, applicants must demonstrate how the use of the award money for study, an internship, or a special project will deepen their personal commitment to peace and justice and will promote peace and justice for others. A personal interview is required. Scholarships are awarded without regard to religious affiliation.

To apply, go to [www.hawkinsonfoundation.org](http://www.hawkinsonfoundation.org) and click on "Scholarships" or email [info@graceattheu.org](mailto:info@graceattheu.org).

Encouraging a lifelong commitment to peace and justice

## 2010 Hawkinson Scholarships

The Vincent L. Hawkinson Foundation has selected eight outstanding students for the 2010 Hawkinson Scholarships, which are aimed at encouraging these individuals to continue their work for peace and justice both in their educational pursuits and in their personal and professional lives. Since 1988, the Foundation has awarded more than \$118,000 to 95 students.

### 2010 Jacobson Scholar

*Named in honor of Stan Jacobson, a founder and long-time board member of the Foundation, the Jacobson Scholar designation recognizes the top scholarship recipient(s) each year.*

**Nabila Feroz Bhatti**, 43, is a graduate student at St. Cloud State University, working toward a master's degree in social responsibility. A native of Pakistan and a member of its Catholic minority, she has devoted her life to human rights, peace education and the empowerment of women in her homeland, working with the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, the Pattan Development Organization, the Taangh Wasaib Organization and the Catholic Bishops' National Commission for Justice and Peace in Pakistan. She is currently in the United States with her sons, who are studying at St. John's Preparatory School in Collegeville, MN, while her husband, also a human rights activist, remains in Pakistan. At St. Cloud State, she has helped organize the 2009 and 2010 Global Social Responsibility Conferences and film festivals and has presented workshops to area groups on Pakistan and Afghanistan and peace issues.



*Nabila Bhatti  
St. Cloud State University*

*"I believe that every person is a global citizen. Constructive or destructive activities in any part of the world affect the whole of humanity and nature. I also believe that alternatives to violence must be found for a permanent resolution of interpersonal and global conflict. So we all must struggle for a just world. The St. Cloud program addresses a citizen's responsibility to others, to society and to the environment. It is a wonderful program and I am learning about the interconnectivity of all global issues. After completing my graduate program, I will go back to Pakistan and will start the work again."*

**Fadumo Abdullahi**, 18, graduated from Edison High School in Minneapolis and is a first-year student at the University of Minnesota. She is from the Ogaden region of Ethiopia, an area of ongoing civil unrest, conflict and oppression. She came to the U.S. with her mother and siblings and has been working with other high school students as part of the Ogaden Youth Network to raise awareness about Ogaden's struggles. An honors student and member of the National Honor Society, she served on Edison's site council and worked on a research project with an Edison science teacher.

*"I have many goals in life that I want to achieve...to graduate from college and go to medical school, to be the voice of my voiceless people, to help them get justice, to help my siblings get an education, to help my mother eat the food of the tree she planted, to become a doctor and travel to the remote areas in the Ogaden region and help the Ogaden people. The Ogaden people deserve justice and peace and I will not stop until we get it...The Hawkinson scholarship means I can dream not just my personal dream of getting education but also dream of seeing a difference made in this world."*



*Fadumo Abdullahi  
University of Minnesota*

**Shannon Golden**, 27, is a graduate student at the University of Minnesota working toward a doctorate in sociology with a minor in human rights. While in college, she spent six months in Uganda, focusing on community development in an area marked by civil war. She subsequently developed a sponsorship program to help disadvantaged children in Uganda. At the University, she started a student group to combat global health inequalities. In 2009, she served as a policy research intern with the Friends Committee on National Legislation on its Peaceful Prevention of Deadly Conflict program.

*"Organizations, policy makers and others may have the best of intentions and be passionate about pursuing peace and justice, but if they do not account for the complexities of social relations and processes, their effort may not be fully effective or may actually be counterproductive. Thus, in order to further peace and justice in the world, my vocation is to be a sociologist, seeking to understand conditions that lead to oppression, war or injustice, and seeking also to understand how people might rebuild and form resilient peaceful communities."*



*Shannon Golden  
University of Minnesota*

**Brittany Libra**, 22, is a senior at the University of Minnesota, majoring in political science and global studies. She has served as president of the University's chapter of STAND, the global student anti-genocide coalition. She organized a conference at the Minnesota State Capitol in April 2009 called "Darfur: The Faces of Genocide." At the national level, she coordinated a conference in November 2009 in Washington, D.C., for the Genocide Intervention Network. She is using her scholarship to study abroad in Ecuador to research human rights and international development.

*"Focusing on conferences and community awareness events sometimes cause us to lose sight of the very real people who are affected by human rights violations... The victims become almost abstract. (And) there may be a limit to what the international community can do in crises pertaining to human rights, at which point lasting change has to come from the ground up, to be initiated and led by those directly affected. I have been trying to reconcile these two issues with the human rights work I have done so far. (In Ecuador) I want to meet the people affected by human rights violations who then rise up to stop them."*



*Brittany Libra  
University of Minnesota*





# 2010 Scholarship Recipients

(continued)



Lauren Miller  
Purdue University

**Lauren Miller**, 22, a 2010 graduate of the University of St. Thomas, is enrolled at Purdue University pursuing a master's degree in American studies. At St. Thomas, she served as a resident advisor, orientation leader and mentor to women of color. She was a participant on a number of the University's volunteer service trips, including one she co-led to the Texas-Mexico border. Motivated by hate crimes she witnessed on her own campus, she completed research about the experiences of students of color at predominantly white colleges. She plans to donate her scholarship to the Annunciation House and to Las Mujeres de Esperanza y Fe.

**"The Annunciation House, situated on the border of Texas and Mexico, is nothing short of a miracle for those undocumented persons from Mexico and Central America who need allies, assistance, and, above all, love in times of dire need. I volunteered at the Annunciation House during January of 2010 and heard border crossing stories...that impassioned me even more in my desire to fight for justice...I was granted the opportunity to meet a group of Sisters who organized a cooperative called Las Mujeres de Esperanza y Fe. They came together in solidarity with women in Juarez who they recognized as plagued with a variety of social injustices... This scholarship is going toward two important groups that deserve financial support."**



Hollie Nyseth  
University of Minnesota

**Hollie Nyseth**, 24, is a graduate student at the University of Minnesota, pursuing a doctorate in sociology with a minor in human rights. As an undergraduate, she interned at the Puebla (Mexico) Women's Prison and worked with human rights groups. She returned to Mexico to complete research internships including one with the Mexico City Human Rights Commission. Locally she volunteers with the Center for Victims of Torture, serves on the board of an alternative school for immigrant children and works with an immigrant assistance group. Her current academic research focuses on the causes of genocide with the goal of developing a model of an "early warning system" to predict genocide.

**"After graduate school, I hope to be employed as a professor of sociology and human rights where I will continue learning, educating and producing scholarship...It has also long been a goal of mine to work as a U.S. representative with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Additionally, I plan to continue my work with NGOs (nongovernmental organizations), which will help ensure that my research will reach and impact the broader community."**



Brittany Partridge  
Abileen Christian  
University

**Brittany Partridge**, 19, a 2009 graduate of Annandale High School in Annandale, MN, is a freshman at Abileen Christian University in Texas, majoring in political science and history. In high school, she went on several overseas mission trips with Royal Servants International, including one to Romania where she worked with victims of sex trafficking. In Texas, she is interning with Eternal Threads, a non-profit that creates markets for products made by women around the world. Brittany has created her own side project, The Red Thread Movement, selling bracelets made by Nepalese women on university campuses. She will use her scholarship for a four-month study abroad experience in Uruguay in 2011.

**"At the age of 17, while in Pitesti, Romania, I personally met women rescued from forced prostitution. Although I was previously aware of the tragedies involved with the business of sex trafficking, the effects had never been so real to me...I vowed after meeting those girls in Romania to devote my life to preventing other women from experiencing what they had gone through. My goal is to become an international human rights lawyer."**



**Kiflu Tesfaye**, 21, is a senior at Luther College, majoring in management with a minor in economics. Last year, as a Davis Projects for Peace scholar, he began a project in his home country of Ethiopia to help farmers in a highly arid region develop irrigation systems and a cooperative. They also built a barn to store crops so they could sell directly to the customers and avoid middleman charges. He returned to Luther and presented his project to the college community and to the Nobel Peace Prize Forum in Minneapolis. Kiflu is using a portion of his scholarship for the project and the rest to finance his education.



*Kiflu Tesfaye  
Luther College*



*"I'm very hopeful this co-op will expand and play an integral part in improving the lives of many people and impact the economy of the community to a very large extent...What it takes to bring such changes is our simple willingness to provide something positive to our community. If we all collaborate and harness our strengths, it's a giant step towards peace of mind, and peace for the family, community and region. As my countrymen like to say, 'When spider webs unite, they can tie up a lion.'"*

## Special Collaboration with Augsburg Continues

In 2008, the Hawkinson Foundation began a pilot program in collaboration with Augsburg College, providing yearly scholarships for three students. Each student received a Hawkinson Scholarship for the past two years and they continue to meet the foundation's requirements of its scholars. All three are affiliated with Admission Possible, which identifies and assists low-income students who demonstrate potential and motivation for higher education.

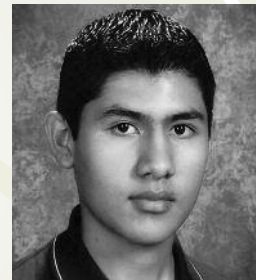
**Juve Meza-Rodriguez** He is a senior at Augsburg College, majoring in sociology and peace and justice studies. He has interned with Project Navigate (Necessary and Valuable Insight to Gain Access toward Higher Education) aimed at increasing the number of immigrant students pursuing higher education in Minnesota.

**Ulises Ayala-Beltran** He is a senior at Augsburg, majoring in accounting with a minor in French. He has been active with Project Navigate.

**Maria Hinojosa** She is a junior at Augsburg, majoring in biology and chemistry. She plans to go to medical school and become a pediatrician.



*Juve Meza-Rodriguez*



*Ulises Ayala-Beltran*



*Maria Hinojosa*

## 2010 Hawkinson Honorary Award

# Rev. Dr. James “Jim” Siefkes

### HAWKINSON HONORARY AWARDS

Selected annually, the Hawkinson Foundation Honorary Award is given to an individual or individuals who have made a long and significant contribution to the causes of peace and social justice. Nomination forms are reviewed each spring and recipients selected by the Foundation’s board of directors. Honorary Award and scholarship recipients are recognized at the Annual Awards Presentation each fall. To nominate a candidate for the Honorary Award, call 612-331-8125 or email [info@graceattheu.org](mailto:info@graceattheu.org).

*“Jim Siefkes discovered new ways for the Church to be the Church and he gave courage to those who wanted to expand the Lutheran Church’s scope of ministry. His ministry affected not only the Lutheran Church but also those who were on the fringes of society. He helped them see that the Church cared, and he made their lives better. Jim’s voice is a prophetic one...”*

Bud Dixen

For more than 50 years, **Jim Siefkes** of Minneapolis has been a courageous voice for justice and understanding in the Lutheran Church and beyond.

A graduate of Trinity University in San Antonio, TX, and Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, IA, he served two parishes before moving to regional and national positions within the church. Through his development and direction of the Department of Congregational Social Concerns in the national office of the ALC (later the ELCA), he worked with local parishes and discovered there was little awareness of mission beyond traditional understandings and practice. He designed a program to broaden the understanding of mission, bringing together groups of clergy, spouses and laity to “hold class” on the streets and in the throes of the issues of the day — racism, drugs, campus riots, ecology, the Vietnam war, conscription, conscientious objection, runaway kids, emerging lifestyles, women’s issues, men’s issues, hunger, singles, and human sexuality. Through this work, Siefkes helped introduce social justice and ministry on the side of people suffering from oppression as critical to understanding the mission of the church.



Siefkes pioneered convergence between national religious bodies, sexuality and science with special care given to the areas of sexual health and sexual orientation as well as physical, psychological and intellectual disability. He was one of the founders of the Program for Human Sexuality (PHS) at the University of Minnesota as well as several other programs and institutions that provide effective services locally and nationally and that provided information internationally.

Siefkes’s work has been featured in the national press and he worked with ABC for two documentary TV shows on Christianity and sexuality issues. He served for seven years on the board of Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS) and on the Venereal Disease Committee of the Boy Scouts of America. He has authored articles and books on sexuality. His work has also touched the lives of Native Americans, black Americans and traumatized veterans.



“From parish to regional and national church work, my ministry and continuing interest has been focused on justice ministries, start-ups, support and networking,” said Rev. Siefkes, who at one point was coordinating as many as 40 different, as he put it, “edge-of-the-church” ministries and networks.

“This was not always the most popular place to be, but I deem it a privilege to have been able to serve in this way,” he said.



## 2010 Hawkinson Honorary Award

# Carol and Ken Masters

**Carol and Ken Masters** of Minneapolis have been faithful peace and social justice activists for many years, with a focus on the arms trade and its connections to worldwide violence and poverty.

Up until 1983, Carol and Ken had opposed nuclear weapons but had not taken action beyond writing letters and baking bread for the Minnesota Women's Peace Encampment which was protesting Sperry, a weapons contractor. One day, Sperry bulldozed the camp and Carol, who was there at the time, got arrested for the first time.



The couple joined Women Against Military Madness (WAMM) to learn more about the arms race and militarism. The communities that grew up around WAMM and People Against Military Madness (PAMM), an affinity group of the Honeywell Project, prepared and supported the couple in the decades to follow as they took part in vigils, marched and sometimes were arrested at the doors of arms merchants and policymakers. Carol has served a number of sentences in jail for her participation in nonviolent protests.

The couple became part of the Honeywell Project and with others, founded and served on the board of the Midwest Institute for Social Transformation, which focused on education and training for nonviolent social change. Carol was assistant director for the Minnesota Peace and Justice Coalition from 1988 to 1991. From 1996 on, they protested at the doors of Alliant Techsystems, which manufactured land mines, cluster bombs and depleted uranium munitions. In 1999, Carol and Ken began participating in peace vigils on the Lake Street Bridge in Minneapolis. As part of the Community of St. Martin, they have taken part in vigils at the School of Americas at Fort Benning for many years.

Carol has served terms of the WAMM steering committee during the 1990s and is currently co-chair of its board of directors. Ken has been a WAMM volunteer in many capacities. An accomplished professional writer and editor, Carol maintains the web site as a volunteer for People of Faith Peacemakers. Carol's collection of short stories entitled *The Peace Terrorist* was a Minnesota Voices winner and nominee for the Minnesota Book Award in 1994. She is the author of *You Can't Do That: Marv Davidov, Nonviolent Revolutionary*, which was published by Nodin Press in 2009.



The Masters have been active with many community organizations including Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels and with several food-related projects for children, low-income families and people with HIV/AIDS.

*“Ken and Carol’s journey as peacemakers has sometimes taken them in quite different directions. But in their own unassuming way they are models for all of us on how to be consistent, vocal and committed critics of our militaristic culture.”*

Verlyn Smith



## 2010 Hawkinson Honorary Award

# Rev. Verlyn Smith

*“Verlyn Smith has been an active peacemaker and equality affirmer for decades. During his years as a professor and director of campus ministries, he was courageous in working with students and faculty concerning war and the importance of supporting full civil and human rights for gays and lesbians. While a pastor at Grace University Lutheran he reaffirmed this witness and has continued it into his retirement. He has been there from the beginning of both People of Faith Peacemakers and the Vincent L. Hawkinson Foundation and been active in support of the work of the joint Peace with Justice Task Force of the Minneapolis and St. Paul Area Synods.”*

Lowell O. Erdahl

A lifelong peace and justice activist, **Verlyn Smith** of St. Paul grew up on a farm in South Dakota. As World War II was ending, he served as a chaplain's assistant in the US Army Air Corps. After discharge, he attended Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD, and graduated from Luther Seminary in St. Paul in 1954. He then earned a master's degree in church history from the University of Chicago.



After serving two parishes, he joined the faculty of Augustana College, where he taught religion and church history from 1955 to 1968. In 1969, he was appointed a regional director of the Lutheran Campus Ministry, serving campus ministries in 10 western states. During this time, he became deeply connected to the political upheaval and trouble on-campus around issues related to the war in Vietnam and the civil rights movement. Among the many challenges he faced were the need to counsel and work with conscientious objectors amid criticism from church officials objecting to anti-war activism.

In 1977, he moved to the Twin Cities and served as Twin Cities metropolitan campus pastor. He was a co-founder of People of Faith Peacemakers, a resource and support group for those with concerns for peace and justice from a faith perspective. “It was through this group that we learned to know and value Verlyn's importance as a supporter of radical justice for all, and his broad view of the church to teach and work for peace and justice,” said Eleanor and John Yackel of Circle Pines, MN. From 1985 to 1992, he served as pastor at Grace University Lutheran Church located on the Minneapolis campus of the University of Minnesota. He was a founder of the Vincent L. Hawkinson Foundation for Peace & Justice, established in 1988 in recognition of Grace University Lutheran's previous pastor, Vincent L. Hawkinson.

After moving to the Twin Cities, Smith helped lead suicide support groups after his first wife had died by suicide. Later he taught college courses in religion and adult education classes. He has served on the ELCA's Peace and Justice Committee and other peace organizations such as the Nonviolent Peace Force and Citizens for Global Solutions.



*“Early in my role as a ministry associate with Wingspan Ministry, Verlyn served as a member of the community board of advisors for this new ministry with and on behalf of GLBT people, their families and friends. He's been a long-time mentor, friend and a person of encouragement through the years of struggle towards a more inclusive ELCA.”*

Rev. Anita C. Hill



## 2010 Hawkinson Honorary Award

# Mary Lou Nelson

A former teacher and licensed real estate broker, **Mary Lou Nelson** of Minneapolis has devoted herself to the cause of peace throughout her life.

She has been involved with the United Nations Association (UNA) since its establishment in 1945. At that time, she was a senior high school teacher and taught her students about the important role this organization would have in preserving global peace. She met Eleanor Roosevelt at a rally in Minneapolis for the UN, and thereafter became a leader in both the Minnesota affiliate of UNA and served on the board of directors of the national organization from 1975 to 1995.

In her work with UNA, she chaired many national conferences, created a dialogue process for various constituencies, spoke to many groups, raised money and produced videos, including one about the life of former Minnesota Governor Harold Stassen, a delegate to the 1945 conference that helped start the UN. In 1995, she helped produce a program entitled *"The United Nations through the Eyes of Women."*

She has been an active member of numerous community organizations, including the American Association of University Women (AAUW). She served as AAUW president for two years and also vice president for legislative programs and international representative among her many contributions.

In 1995, Nelson worked to fulfill a dream of bringing Minnesota peace organizations together under an umbrella organization to strengthen their voice and leverage their power to bring about change. She and a small group of other peace activists helped launch a new organization — the Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers (MAP) — and she served as its first vice president and chair of the program committee. She has been a delegate to the MAP council and continues as an active MAP member.



*"Mary Lou is a wise visionary who believes in the possibility of world peace. Her passion and leadership skills inspire others to become involved in peace work... She has been a mentor to me and I have learned many things from her. Her legacy as a wise elder should be honored and passed on."*

Mary White

## HAWKINSON HONORARY AWARDS — 1988-2009

- 2009 Jack & Sara Nelson-Pallmeyer  
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- 2008 Arvid "Bud" Dixen  
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Betsy Raasch-Gilman
- 2007 Lowell & Carol Erdahl
- 2006 Ralph & Kay Hilgendorf  
Marie & John Braun
- 2005 Luther Granquist  
Gene & Mary Lou Ott
- 2004 Donald Irish
- 2003 Brigid McDonald  
Jane McDonald  
Kate McDonald  
Rita McDonald
- 2002 Eleanor & John Yackel
- 2001 Lynn Elling
- 2000 Marv Davidov
- 1999 Joseph Schwartzberg
- 1998 Larry Cloud Morgan
- 1997 Louise Pardee
- 1996 Eleanor Otterness
- 1992 Arthur & Martha Sternberg
- 1991 Joel Mugge
- 1990 Stanley & Martha Platt
- 1989 Marianne Hamilton  
Polly Mann
- 1988 Mulford Sibley

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## *Deon Stuthman*

*Board chair of the Vincent L. Hawkinson Foundation*

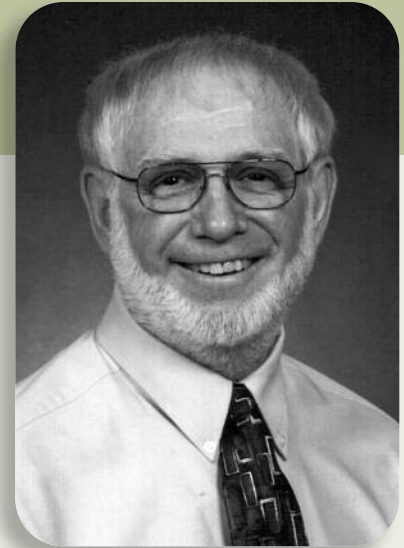
**Deon Stuthman**, the first board chair and one of the founders of the Vincent L. Hawkinson Foundation for Peace & Justice, passed away on June 18, 2010. He served as board chair of the Foundation from 1988 to 1993 and again in 2009 until his death. Dr. Stuthman was a professor of agronomy at the University of Minnesota for more than 40 years and a long-time member of Grace University Lutheran Church.

"Deon was the driving force behind the Hawkinson Foundation in its early years," according to former board member Stan Jacobson. "He was the one who arranged for George Latimer and Don Fraser, mayors of St. Paul and Minneapolis, to present the honorary awards at the first three annual award ceremonies for the Foundation."

A few years later, Stuthman arranged for a visiting Soviet peace group to attend a Foundation event. "In those days, before the Soviet Union collapsed, this was considered bold and daring, if not subversive," Jacobson said. Together with the Rev. Verlyn Smith, who was Vincent Hawkinson's successor at Grace University Lutheran Church on the University of Minnesota campus, Dr. Stuthman led the Foundation during its critical formative years. Since 1988, the Foundation has provided honorary awards to nearly 40 outstanding leaders in peace and justice in the Twin Cities and over \$150,000 in scholarships to nearly a hundred students. "None of that would have happened without their vision and energy," Jacobson said.

Dr. Stuthman had a probing mind and eclectic interests and he loved to talk to others, especially if their social and political views could be challenged, said Jacobson. "A conversation with Deon might start with the weather, transition to his work with genetically modified oats in New Zealand and South America, and wind up on social justice issues in south Minneapolis," he said.

Dr. Stuthman held leadership positions with the University of Minnesota Faculty Association, the University of Minnesota Athletic Committee, Minnesota-Uruguay Partners of America, CAST, and the American Oat Association. He also served on the board of a homeless shelter and an organization supporting sustainable agriculture.



*"Deon was a founding member of the Hawkinson Foundation and was instrumental in its continuing success from the very beginning. It was one of his great passions and, in retirement, he was looking forward to continuing the work. He was an inspiration to all of us. He will be missed greatly."*

Eric Hucke, Foundation executive director and fellow co-founder of the Foundation



*Dr. Deon Stuthman (right) and former board members Sarah Hinck and Stan Jacobson at the Hawkinson Foundation's annual meeting in 2008.*

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*Please join us for a very special evening*



*Creating a Culture  
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**Friday, November 5, 2010**

Centennial United Methodist Church,  
1524 West County Road C2, Roseville, MN 55113

- **Scholars Dinner (by reservation) 5:30 pm**
- **Peacemakers Fair (open to public) 4:30-7:30 pm**
- **Culture of Peace Dialogue (open to public) 7:30 pm**

See page 1 for details of these events. Watch for your invitation in the mail!

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