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PROGRAM
WORLD PEACE PRIZE PRESENTATION
TO
TEFERE GEBRE
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, AFL-CIO
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December 5, 2017 • 2:30-4:30 p.m.

AFL-CIO Headquarters, 815 16TH St., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005

Chairperson.....Barbara Flaherty, Corporate Manager-Judge

Opening Statement.....Fr. Sean Mc Manus, Chief Judge

Remarks.....James Boland President BAC

Reading of Dr. Han's Congratulations.....Barbara Flaherty

Prize Presentation: And Acceptance Address by Tefere Gebre

Closing.....Barbara Flaherty

“Solidarity ... is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say to the good of all and of each individual because we are all really responsible for all.” —Pope John Paul II. Sollicitudo Rei Socialis (On Social Concern #38).

“Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.” —Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.





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Congratulations to you for being chosen for the WPPAC Peace Prize candidate by an unanimous decision of WPPAC Judges for the first nomination for a career services in World Labor Movements in the history of WPPAC.

Included is the WPPAC Prize acceptance confirmation sheet to be signed by the prize candidate. It must be returned to the WPPAC Chief Judge: sean@irishnationalcaucus.org as soon as possible.



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Looking forward meeting your honor and praying for your honor's continued success and good health, we remain.

Respectfully yours,

Father Sean McManus

Chief Judge, WPPAC USA

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Attachment : Acceptance Sheet.

Rev. Dr. Han Min Su Profile

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- The recipient, The Hopeful Award in the name of Korean nationals(1966)
- World Peace Prize Winner(1997) - (Formation of the theory - practice of Inter-religious Collaborations of peace force leading) and that of Gospel force leading, based on 1919. 3. 1 The Korean Independence Movement Formation & Mechanism.
- Graduated Kookmin University - Economic Course.
- Secretary, President, Chairman, Aunae Spirit Promotion Association.
- Graduated Korea Conservative Presbyterian Theological Seminary - Bachelor - Master of theology.
- Passed the apprentice Pastor and Pastor examination at Korea Presbyterian - General Assembly Central Synod.
- Professor, Bachelor - Master course, Korea Presbyterian

Theological Seminary.

- Bachelor Master, Doctoral Preparatory course at Philippine Christian University (7 years).

- Professor, Bachelor - Master Degree Course at P.C.U. for seven(7) years.

- Co-founder, Dean, President, Chairman of the Board, World Peace Corps Academy(US Corp.)

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Books Authored

- Authored, Goodbye John.

- Co-authored the Bible People (two(2) volume) with Dr. Asher Naim (Ret. Ambassador, Israel)

- Authored, The Mission Tactics.

- Co-authored, reformed theology with Dr. Chung Nam Ryul (Six(6) volume)

- Co-authored, the toddler-infant talent development Education (Twelve(12) volume) with Dr. Chung Nam Ryul.

- Co-authored, World 7 Major Religion, Core-faith Concept (with Dr. Cand. Jung Sang Chul and Korean translation by Dr. Cand. Mr. Han Sang Yoon)

Co-authoring, the Mission Tactics (Volume seventy(70) with Dr. Cand. Students) on going.



Tefere Gebre is the Executive Vice President of the AFL-CIO, and in 2013 became the first immigrant, political refugee, black man and local labor council leader elected as a national officer of the AFL-CIO.

Early Life

Born in Gondar Ethiopia, Gebre fled state-sanctioned violence and made his way to a refugee camp in the Sudan as a teenager. After several months of interviews and processing, Tefere was

granted refugee status and without his family emigrated to Los Angeles, where he graduated from Belmont High School in 1987. A standout track and field athlete, he attended Cal Poly Pomona on an athletic scholarship. While in college, Tefere worked his first union job as a night shift loader at UPS and became a member of Teamsters Local 396. Since then he has devoted his entire life to the values of democracy, justice and helping workers organize to achieve a voice at the workplace. Before joining the labor movement full-time, Gebre worked for then Speaker of the California Assembly, Willie Brown as a legislative aid, and was subsequently twice elected as president of the California Young Democrats, and was the first African American and immigrant to serve in that position.

Work and the Labor Movement

From 1997 to 1999, Tefere was Director of Governmental Relation for Laborers Local 270. He also worked for the statewide labor movement when he served as the Southern California Political Director of the California Labor Federation. He served as the Executive Director of Frontlash, which was then the youth and college arm of the AFL-CIO. After serving as Political Director of the Orange County Labor Federation from 2006 to 2008, his great success and leadership earned him the role as Executive Director for the labor federation in 2008.

Tefere contributed tremendous change in redefining the growing labor movement in Orange County, Calif. Through his leadership, the federation built strong coalitions with faith and civil rights organizations throughout the county to advocate and support policies that improve the lives of all workers. As Executive Director, Tefere doubled the political capacity of the labor movement in Orange County. In 2008 and every year thereafter, the federation was honored by the state federation's strategic planning committee as one of the highest performing labor councils and singled out as an "agent for change" by the California Labor Federation. Tefere joined the National AFL-CIO's State Federation and CLC Advisory Committee in 2009, and brought his experience, passion and commitment to bear on the AFL-CIO's efforts to strengthen state and local labor movements.

When elected to the position of executive vice president of the AFL-CIO in 2013, it was a clear recognition of Gebre's leadership skills and of the focus on building strong labor-community partnerships at the local level through the movement's central labor councils and state federations.

Gebre has continued to demonstrate leadership by example. He has focused his attention on building strong partnerships between labor and community groups, immigrant rights, democracy, and racial justice organizations. Based on his own experience as a child refugee, Gebre has brought a passionate and personal perspective to bear in the labor movement's fight for comprehensive immigration reform and a pathway to citizenship for millions of immigrant workers and their families. In the end, it is Gebre's experience as an immigrant labor activist, advocate for racial justice, and grass roots local labor council leader that makes him a great complement to President Trumka, of the Mine Workers, and Secretary-Treasurer Liz Shuler, of the Electrical Workers, to lead the AFL-CIO.

Tefere has a bachelor's degree in international marketing from Cal Poly Pomona, and an MBA from the University of Southern California. He and his wife, Jennifer Badgley, recently welcomed their first newborn daughter MuluAlem Eden Gebre to their current home and community in Silver Spring, Maryland. —aflcio.org



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Acceptance of Position

*I, the undersigned hereon agree
with the mission of World Peace Prize
Awarding Council Inc.(WPPAC) and accept
the position of Roving Ambassador for
Peace with Member, World Peace Congress
on this date 5th Dec. 2017.*

Name in Full: Hon. Tefere Gebre

Date of Birth: October 15, 1968

Present Address: 815 16th St., N.W, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006

Telephone: 202-637-5018

Signature

World Peace Prize Awarding Council Inc.



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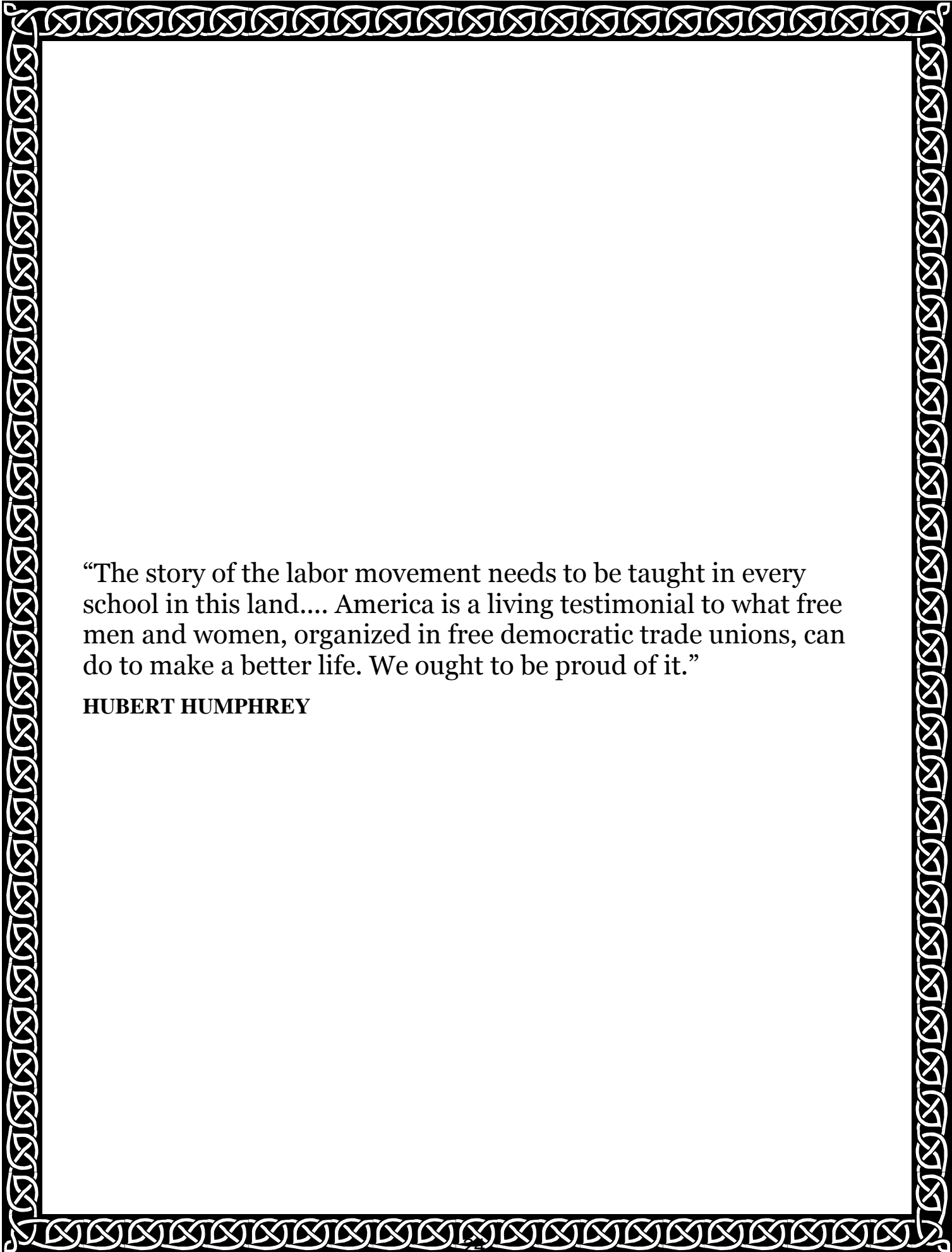
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Rev. Dr. Han Min Su

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On behalf of the 277,000 members of the National Association of Letter Carriers, the men and women who deliver for America six days a week, we salute the Irish National Caucus for bestowing its 2017 World Peace Prize on AFL-CIO Executive Vice President Tefere Gebre. We join in honoring Gebre and his efforts to work for solidarity, equality and justice for all. The labor movement is a powerful contributor to world peace.

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KEN BERNSTEIN, (Newsreporter)



The American Postal Workers Union,

Tefere Gebre, Vice President AFL-CIO



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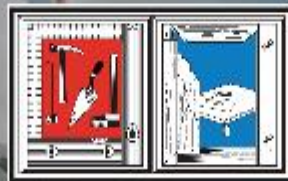
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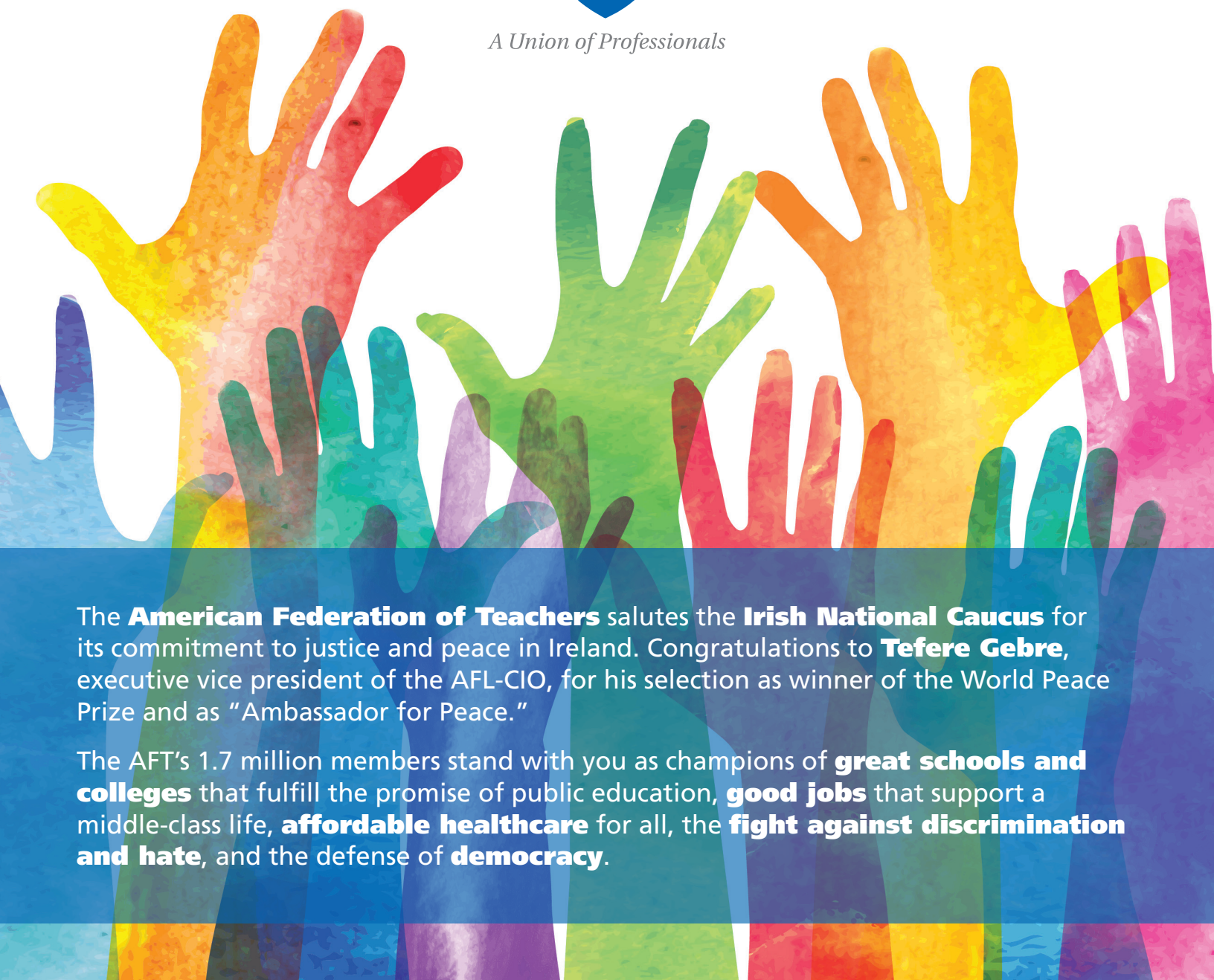
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“American Labor has always supported freedom, justice and peace in Ireland and were the first major group to support the MacBride Principles, which the Irish National Caucus launched on November 5, 1983. The Executive Council of the AFL-CIO invited me to Bal Harbor to brief them on the MacBride Principles, and the Executive Council endorsed the MacBride Principles. God bless the AFL-CIO.

—Fr. Séan Mc Manus



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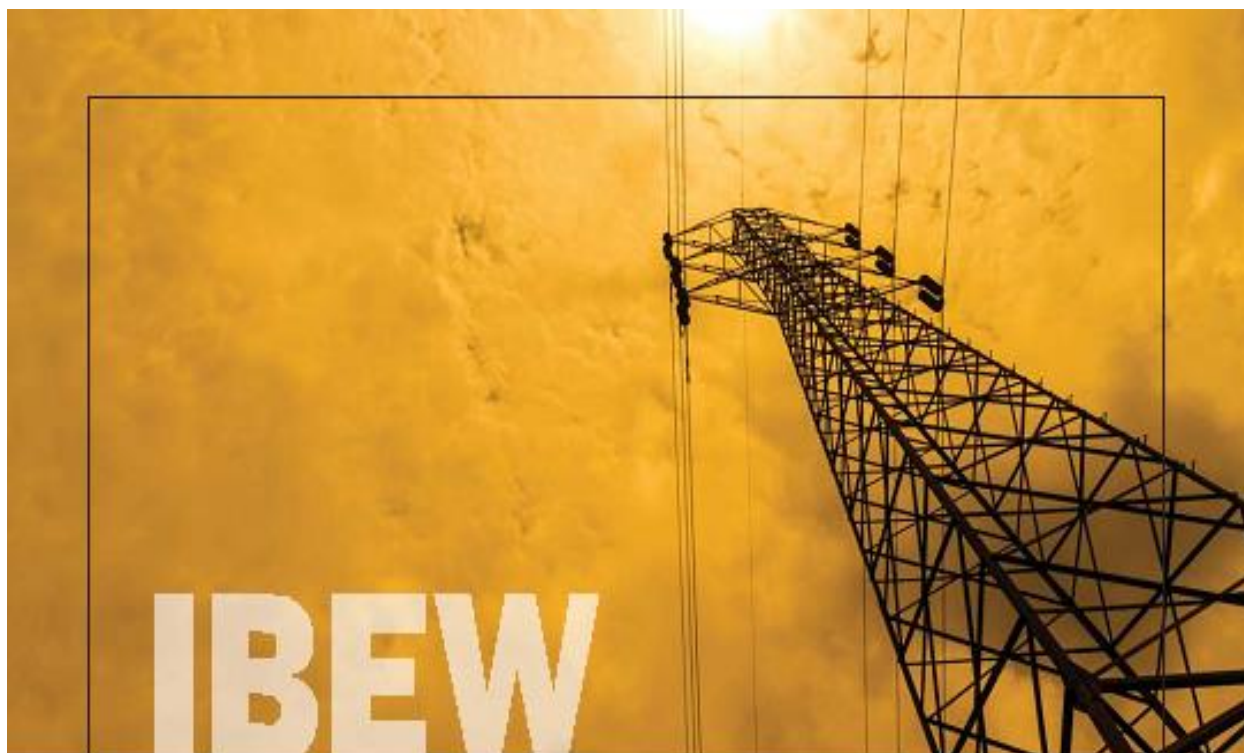
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“Let the workers organize. Let the toilers assemble. Let their crystallized voice proclaim their injustices and demand their privileges. Let all thoughtful citizens sustain them, for the future of Labor is the future of America.” —**John L. Lewis**



RICHARD L. TRUMKA

2015 RECIPIENT

WORLD PEACE PRIZE — TOP HONOR

Richard Trumka is president of the 12.5 million-member American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), the largest organization of labor unions in the country. An outspoken advocate for social and economic justice, Trumka is the nation's clearest voice on the critical need to raise workers' wages in this slow and painful economic

recovery. He heads the labor movement's efforts to create an economy based on broadly shared prosperity and to hold government and employers accountable to working families.

Elected president of the federation in 2009, Trumka shapes the economy in two primary ways—by leading the mobilization of masses of working people through a nationwide network of state and local labor federations, and by working one on one with government executives, legislators and business leaders. The goal is adopting progressive, pro-worker laws and policies at every level to improve life for working families.

Trumka, who served as AFL-CIO secretary-treasurer from 1995 to 2009, has devoted his career to improving workers' lives through a strong collective voice on the job. His leadership is focused on union organizing and collective bargaining, as well as the federation's advocacy for labor law reform in Congress. Trumka also spearheads initiatives to help workers' organizations partner or affiliate with the AFL-CIO, modeled after a 2006 partnership agreement with the National Day Laborer Organizing Network (NDLON). In 2011 the federation affiliated the National Taxi Workers Alliance and entered partnerships with the National Guestworker Alliance and the National Domestic Workers Alliance. Meanwhile, the AFL-CIO's community affiliate Working America continues to expand, growing to more than 3.2 million members. Since 2003, Working America has organized in neighborhoods across the country, reaching people who do not belong to unions but who share union values.

While joining a union is the best way for workers to raise their wages and improve their lives, Trumka knows it is not an answer currently available to all. His approach to raising wages after 40 years of stagnating paychecks is comprehensive, including a range of government and private-sector actions, from increasing the minimum wage and achieving equal pay for women to enacting earned sick leave and fair scheduling laws at every level. The effort also includes the Common Sense Economics education program for union members and community allies, which explains why America's economy stopped working for workers and how to reverse recent trends.

Trumka's economic advocacy extends from the kitchen table and spans the world. He has rallied international labor support for workers struggling for justice and pressed to end unfair trade practices and to restore U.S. manufacturing strength. As secretary-treasurer, he carved out an innovative leadership role that continues today, working with programs that invest the collectively bargained pension and benefit funds of the labor movement to ensure they serve the long-term interests of workers. In mid-2014, two years ahead of schedule, the union movement

fulfilled a \$10 billion pledge to the Clinton Global Initiative to invest in the nation's crumbling infrastructure while boosting the sagging job market.

As part of his challenge to excessive corporate power, the AFL-CIO publishes the Executive PayWatch website, which tracks the astonishing pay packages of America's CEOs and compares them with workers' pay.

JOHN J. SWEENEY

John J. Sweeney became president emeritus of the AFL-CIO at the federation's constitutional convention



in September 2009, stepping down after five terms as president. He was first elected president in 1995 on a platform of revitalizing the federation, which currently has 55 affiliated unions and 12.5 million members, including 3.2 Million members in Working America, its new community affiliate. The 1995 election was the first contested election in AFL-CIO history.

At the time of his election, Sweeney was serving as president of the Service Employees International Union, which grew from 625,000 to 1.1 million members during the 15 years of his leadership. He was a vice president of the AFL-CIO and chair of the AFL-CIO Executive Council committees on Health Care and Organizing and Field Services. He was elected SEIU president in 1980.

In May 2000, Sweeney also was elected president of the Trade Union Advisory Committee (TUAC), an international organization with consultative status at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). TUAC's affiliates represent some 70 million workers and include more than 55 national trade union centers in the 29 countries in the OECD. TUAC coordinates worker and union input to the G8 economic summits.

Sweeney's first job in the labor movement was with the International Ladies' Garment Workers, which later merged with the Clothing and Textile Workers Union. He joined SEIU Local 32B in New York City in 1961 as a union representative. Sweeney was elected president of Local 32B in 1976 and led two citywide strikes of apartment maintenance workers during the 1970s.

In 1996, he authored *America Needs A Raise, Fighting for Economic Security and Social Justice*, published by Houghton-Mifflin. He co-authored *Solutions for the New Work Force* in 1989 and co-edited the UNA-USA Economic Policy Council's *Family and Work: Bridging the Gap* in 1987.

John J. Sweeney was born May 5, 1934, in the Bronx. He graduated from Iona College in New Rochelle, N.Y., with a degree in economics. Sweeney holds honorary degrees from Georgetown University, Oberlin College, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, the University of Baltimore, Catholic University Law School and the University of Toledo's College of Law. He lives in Washington, D.C., with his wife, Maureen, a former New York City school teacher. They have two grown children, John and Patricia, and a granddaughter, Kennedy.—AFL-CIO Website.

On December 10, 1982, Sean Mac Bride of Ireland was the Guest Speaker at the Irish National Caucus banquet in New York City, attended by 1,000 people, at which John Sweeney was honored.

On November 5, 1984, the Irish National Caucus launched the Mac Bride Principles—a corporate code of conduct for U.S. companies doing business in Northern Ireland.

The Executive Board of the AFL-CIO was one of the first major groups to endorse the Mac Bride Principles.

John Sweeney's Catholic faith has always inspired his life of dedication to social justice—because without justice there is no love. —Irish National Caucus

“This is what God asks of you: only this, to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.” —Micah 6:8



ELIZABETH “LIZ” POWELL
Secretary-Treasurer
American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO

Liz joined the United States Postal Service in 1970 as a part time flexible clerk, working at the Hempstead, NY Post Office on Long Island while at the same time working as a Teacher's Aide for the Hempstead School District. She became actively involved in the Hempstead Local APWU early in her postal career, serving as Chief Shop Steward and Secretary-Treasurer. In 1979 she was elected as the first female president of the Hempstead APWU Local, now known as the Western Nassau, NY Area Local. She held that position until 1983 when she became one of the first two women to be elected as a full-time National Business Agent, New York Region, Clerk Division for the American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO.

Liz served the membership as a National Business Agent from 1983 until 1989, when she was elected as the first and only female member of the APWU National Executive Board as the Regional Coordinator, Northeast Region, representing Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

On October 16, 2009, she was appointed by APWU President William Burrus, and approved by a vote of the National Executive Board, in accordance with the APWU Constitution, to serve as the union's national Secretary-Treasurer, making her the first woman executive officer in the union's history. In the 2010, 2013 and 2016 National Officer's Election, she was elected to serve a three-year term as Secretary-Treasurer of the American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO.

Liz believes that the membership is the most important faction within the APWU and has consistently extended herself to provide the state and local unions any and all of the assistance necessary to give maximum representation. Education and information is a top priority with her and is shared with all state and local officers through mailings and seminars.

In 1979, POWER (Post Office Women for Equal Rights) was formed. Liz served as one of the founding members, and has continued to support women issues within the APWU as well as within the Labor Movement. At the APWU POWER 18th Biennial Convention, held August 18-21, 2005 in New Orleans, LA, APWU President William Burrus paid a special tribute to Liz, by announcing that an Elizabeth “Liz” Powell Executive Award will be presented at future APWU POWER Conventions. Liz has received numerous awards including the 2011 APWU POWER Glass Ceiling Award, the 2012 National CBTU Addie Wyatt Award, the 2013 National Coalition of Black Civic Participation, BWR – Black Women's Roundtable Phenomenal Woman, Social Justice Trailblazer Award and in March 2014, she was presented with CLUW's Olga Madar Leadership Award. Liz is an active participant of all of those organizations as well as several others including APRI – A Phillip Randolph Institute, where in August 2014 she received the Rosina Tucker Labor Pioneer Award and was one of NAN's 2018 MLK Breakfast honorees where she received the Breaking the Barrier's Award. Liz has gone to Lisbon, Portugal; Montreal, Canada; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and Chicago, Illinois, USA, to participate with the UNI World Women's Committee (Union Network International).

As an only child, Liz was born in the coal-mining state of West Virginia and graduated as Salutatorian of her class at Aracoma High School in Logan, West Virginia where she received a scholarship and attended West Virginia State College. She is the mother of Robert, Barbara, Renee and Greg and is the proud grandmother of Patrick, Greg Jr., Aaliyah, Eddie and John Michael and the proud great grandmother of Eli.

Liz believes that ***“A Woman's Place is in Her Union”*** and ***“In Unity There is Strength, and Together We Can and Will Meet the Challenges of Tomorrow.”***

“No one is so rich that he does not need another's help; no one so poor as not to be useful in some way to his fellow man; and the disposition to ask assistance from others with confidence and to grant it with kindness is part of our very nature.”

—Pope Leo XIII

AMERICAN LABOR AND IRISH NATIONAL CAUCUS

Working Together for Justice in Ireland

It has meant a lot to Fr. Sean Mc Manus—President of the Capitol Hill-based Irish National Caucus—that the American Labor Movement has always been concerned about justice in Ireland. He, therefore, likes to borrow what the Irish patriot and martyr James Connolly famously said about Labor in Ireland, and apply it to the American Labor Movement: “The cause of Labor is the cause of Ireland; the cause of Ireland is the cause of Labor.”

Fr. Mc Manus has had a very long on-going association with the American Labor Movement.

He founded the Irish National Caucus on February 6, 1974. In February 1975, the Executive Council of the AFL-CIO invited him to Bal Harbor to brief them on the Irish issue. The Executive Council endorsed the Irish National Caucus.

Then about ten years later, the Executive Council invited Fr. Mc Manus to brief them on the Mac Bride Principles—a corporate code of conduct for American companies doing business in Northern Ireland.

The AFL-CIO became the first significant group to endorse the Mac Bride Principles. The Executive Council stated that there was no way the voice of the American Labor Movement could be silent about fair employment by American companies in Northern Ireland. The Executive Council rightly saw that the Mac Bride Principles could be most beneficial. Now the Mac Bride Principles are universally considered to be the most effective fair employment campaign ever regarding Northern Ireland.

On April 27, 2015, Fr. Mc Manus met with the current President of the AFL-CIO, Mr. Richard Trumka in his personal office at the AFL-CIO Headquarters.

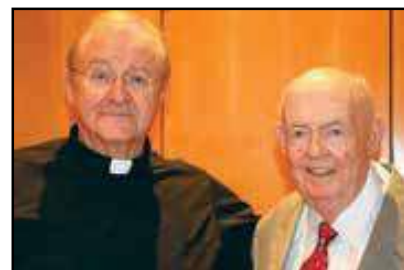
Fr. Mc Manus said: “I have met every President of the AFL-CIO since George Meany. Richard Trumka is a great American and a great Labor Leader. I remember him calling me back in the 1980’s, while he was President of the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) to express solidarity with the Irish struggle for justice and for our Mac Bride Principles campaign. I was very touched that this son of a Polish father and Italian mother was demonstrating concern for the rights of Catholics in Northern Ireland. So it was wonderful being back at the AFL-CIO headquarters and meeting with this fine man and stalwart champion of the rights of working women and men.”

Fr. Mc Manus explained: “Although great progress, thank God, has been made in Northern Ireland, there is still a long way to go. There is still serious injustice, bigotry and anti-Catholic discrimination.

We continue to need the Mac Bride Principles—a corporate code of conduct for American companies doing business in Northern Ireland—which the American Labor Movement has always strongly supported. And we must keep Congress involved in the Irish peace-process. Both campaigns are essential—and both campaigns are the unique contribution of the Capitol Hill-based Irish National Caucus.

The work of the Irish National Caucus is as important as ever—indeed, even more so since the right-wing Tory Government has been re-elected in England on May 7, 2015.

I look forward to the continued support of the dedicated men and women of the American Labor Movement.”



Photos from top to bottom:

Fr. Mc Manus and AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka. Washington, DC. April 27, 2015.

Fr. Mc Manus with John Sweeney (former President of AFL-CIO: 1995-2009). When President Trumka invited

Fr. Mc Manus to speak at the AFL-CIO headquarters, July 7, 2015, John Sweeney introduced him.

Teddy Gleason, President, ILA, Fr. Mc Manus, and George Meany, President, AFL-CIO. Bal Harbor, FL. 1974.

Pat Campbell, President of the Carpenters Union, Teddy Gleason, Tom Donahue, Sec-Treas. AFL-CIO and Fr. Mc Manus. New York City. 1984.

Moe Biller. President, American Postal Workers Union and Fr. Mc Manus. Washington, DC 1999.

“Effective labor unions are still by far the most powerful force in society for the protection of the laborer’s rights and the improvement of his or her condition. No amount of employer benevolence, no diffusion of a sympathetic attitude on the part of the public, no increase of beneficial legislation, can adequately supply for the lack of organization among the workers themselves.”

—*Monsignor John A. Ryan, in Organized Labor and the Church, 1993*



Rev. Dr. Han Min Su, Co-founder of WPPAC, with Chief Judge, Father Sean Mc Manus, President of the Irish National Caucus. October 24, 2013, Seoul, South Korea.

“The AFL-CIO exists to represent people who work. The mission of the AFL-CIO is expressed in our Constitution:

The American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations is an expression of the hopes and aspirations of the working people of America.

We resolve to fulfill the yearning of the human spirit for liberty, justice and community; to advance individual and associational freedom; to vanquish oppression, privation and cruelty in all their forms; and to join with all persons, of whatever nationality or faith, who cherish the cause of democracy and the call of solidarity, to grace the planet with these achievements.

We dedicate ourselves to improving the lives of working families, bringing fairness and dignity to the workplace and securing social equity in the Nation.”