



World Peace Prize

Award Ceremony
Honoring

H. H. Dorje Chang Buddha III

Hon. Benjamin A. Gilman

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Gold Room

United States Capitol

Washington D.C.

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MISSION

World Peace Prize is an initiative to promote world peace and inter-religious understanding. It is awarded periodically to individuals who have contributed to the causes of world peace by preventing regional conflicts or world war; by settling the disputes of political, diplomatic and economic matters; by developing new inventions to minimize threats and confusions within mankind. The World Peace Prize Awarding Council operates according to the core spirit of advancing peace and justice and inter-religious collaborations.

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History and Founders



President John F. Kennedy with

Hon. Robert L. Leggett



Dr. Han Min Su with Hon.

Robert L. Leggett

The World Peace Prize is a prestigious award presented by the World Peace Corps Mission, an international Evangelical missionary organization. Since its establishment in 1989, the World Peace Prize has been awarded to individuals contributing to the causes of world peace by preventing regional conflicts or world war; by settling the disputes of political, diplomatic and economic matters; by developing new inventions to minimize threats and confusions within mankind.

Over the past two decades, World Peace Prize has become a prestigious prize well recognized internationally. Some of the past award recipients include President Ronald Reagan of the United States; President Abdurrahman Wahid of Indonesia; H.E. Yitzhak Rabin, former Prime Minister of Israel, President Kuniwo Nakamura of Palau; amongst others.

The World Peace Prize was established in 1989 by late Hon. Robert L. Leggett and Dr. Han Min Su, and operates under the principles of inter-religious collaboration, and in the spirit of altruism and world peace. Hon. Robert L. Leggett was a nine-term United States congressman. While visiting Korea in 1982, he met Korean clergyman Dr. Han Min Su who is an elder clergyman of the Korean Christian churches. He is also an ex-public relations officer of Pacific Air Force, and the USA-author of "Goodbye John." The two gentlemen struck an immediate friendship. In later years, Congressman Leggett continued to be inspired by the faithful Christians in Korea. While witnessing the success of the Peace Corps initiated by U.S. President John F. Kennedy, the two gentleman co-founded the World Peace Corp Mission as a civilian organization emulating the spirit of the United States Peace Corps Volunteer Service.

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The true spirit of peace is shared by people with different beliefs. The World Peace Prize is adjudicated by a distinguished panel of judges who come from different nationalities, faith and ethnicities. They stand to show us the spirit of unity in mankind. The Chief Judge, Hon. Lester Wolff, former Chairman of the Asian and Pacific Affairs committee, is an eminent peace maker himself. His 1978 meeting with Deng Xiaoping, the Vice Premier of China (the Deng-Wolff Conversation) was credited for its particular importance in the establishment of formal diplomatic relations between the People's Republic of China and the United States. He also introduced amendments to the White-House sponsored Foreign Assistance Act of 1969 to restore the initiative for direct peace talks between Israel and the Arab states.

With the fast changes in our world, we are confronted by numerous challenges that requires great deal of collaborative efforts to bring resolve and understanding. The specific contributions and accomplishments of the honorees have in common the preservation and development of peace and harmony throughout the world. The World Peace Prize salute our honorees who devote their lives to the perseverance of peace, cultivating mutual understanding and respect by engaging in positive dialogues between nations, ethnicities, religions and to embrace differences.

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Remarks from

**Hon. Chairman Lester Wolff
Chief Judge**



Hon. Lester Wolff and Deng Xiao Ping in China, 1978

“He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore” Isaiah 2:4 ESV

The World Peace Prize has a long history. It has been given to the world renowned and also to those who have contributed to Peace without wide acclaim, but in their own way have made marked contributions.

Its origin stemmed from an abiding relationship between an evangelical religious leader, Dr. Han Min Su and an American legislator, Hon. Robert Leggett; both seeking to promote interest in publicly acclaiming those who lead in the quest for a peaceful world. Our honorees today symbolize the continuity of their intent:

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His Holiness Dorje Chang Buddha III through his spiritual leadership and teachings has advanced the cause of Peace unheralded but effective in constructive support of bringing together people of disparate backgrounds working towards the common goal of Peace.

Hon Benjamin Gilman, former Chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs, has over the years demonstrated his deep commitment to achieving and maintaining Peace through his constructive leadership in bringing together world leaders and resolving differences through peaceful means and in turn defusing tensions that had the potential for disastrous consequences.

The two leaders, one spiritual and one political, are demonstrative of the fact that real Peace has its origins in multifaceted dimensions. This award strips away religious differences. The donor, Dr. Han Min Su is an evangelical Christian and makes the award to a Buddhist leader and a Jewish politico, plus he adds the ingredient of Church and State working together to make this world a safer place .

Think of it. If this spirit could pervade all of society; instead of devoting our energies and resources to War we could concentrate our resources to lifting up the poor, healing the sick and in common purpose to find the answers to the scourges that challenge all of mankind.

This, then, is the purpose and the motivation behind The World Peace Prize awards we give today.

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PAST RECIPIENTS



President Ronald Reagan, U.S.A.
Former President of the United States



Hon Mahatma Gandhi, India*
Pre-eminent political and ideological leader of India



Gen Yakubu Gowon
Former President, Republic of Nigeria



H.E. Fidel Valdez Ramos
Former President, Philippines



H.E. Yitzhak Rabin
Former Prime Minister, Israel



H.E. Syng Man Rhee
Former (first) President, South Korea

*Awarded post-humously

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H.E. Abdurrahman Wahid

Former President of Indonesia



President Punsalmaagiin Ochirbat

Former President of Mongolia



H.E. Hosni Mubarak

Former President, Egypt



Kuniwo Nakamura

Former President of Palau



General Yakubu Gowon

Head of State, Nigeria



H.E. Meles Zenawi

Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia

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H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III is recognized by the World Peace Prize Awarding Council for his selfless devotion to an immensely wide scope of healing and rescue-relief activities directed at people from different communities throughout the world. His wisdom and benevolence embrace all races, ethnicities, cultures and religions: bringing kindness, peace and equality to all. Wherever he goes, His Holiness brings unity amongst people through his own humility and compassion. His life-long contributions to humanity show living examples of the benevolent spirit of Buddha, setting a model of humanitarian practices for all to emulate. His Holiness' noble character shines through His teachings, healing, art and philanthropy; leading people from all walks of life and from different parts of the world to tread the path of high virtue and charity. His Holiness' thinking and accomplishments has become the spiritual and cultural asset of all humankind.

The Buddha is also a distinguished artist. Through his teachings and practices, art and poetry, His Holiness has pointed out a bright path of non-violence, charity and love for humanity. His Holiness has been the recipient of numerous awards including the United States Presidential Gold Award for his outstanding contributions to arts, medicine, ethics, Buddhism and spiritual leadership, and to American society. H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III is the first Buddhist leader to be awarded the World Peace Prize in the organization's history.

H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III is the Buddhist leader of the highest order. He is the Buddha Vajradhara, true incarnation of the primordial Buddha of the Buddhist faith, recognized as such in accordance with Buddhist rules and governance. His outstanding mastery of exoteric Buddhism, esoteric Buddhist, and the Five Vidyas is unprecedented in Buddhist history. He is most humble, and always refers to himself as a "servant of living beings." His following include the greatest Dharma Kings and international dignitaries.

He teaches that each person, starting with oneself, should change one's environment, protect the earth, protect humanity, and promote peace and happiness amongst all living beings. As a result, they will attain liberation from distress and suffering, and become respectable and joyful individuals. Institutions and groups from all over the world have established schools and classes for the sole purpose of learning from His audio discourses.

The Buddha leads by example the daily practice of selflessness, charity and humility. People from all over the world regard H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III as their model, His moral state as their standard, and His teachings as their guide. The discourses of H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III have become a vibrant social thought system and philosophy. Those who practice His teachings naturally become committed in charitable endeavors: bringing joy and relief to local and international communities, promoting peace and equality amongst in humanity.

Wherever he goes, His Holiness brings unity amongst people through his own humility and compassion. In 1995, when H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III first visited Taiwan from mainland China, the people of Taiwan gave him an overwhelming reception. More than 10,000 people greeted him at the airport. The motorcade spans 1,700 cars proceeding from the airport into the city. It was the grandest reception ever witnessed in Taiwanese history. Chiang Yan-Shi, the Secretary-General to the President of Taiwan, conducted the opening ceremony for the art exhibition of H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III held at the Sun Yat -Sen Memorial Hall. During His three-week stay in Taiwan, H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III was deeply respected and emulated by civilians and government officials alike. Dignitaries sought to learn from his noble ethics, morality, thinking and practices.

The revered Buddha has vowed to bear the sufferings of all living beings. In His own words published in *The Supreme and Unsurpassable Mahamudra of Liberation*, “When other living beings and I are suffering, I want those other living beings to extricate themselves from suffering before I do.I dedicate to all living beings all of the merit and accomplishments from my cultivation in the hope that they will leave suffering and attain liberation.” Many people offer great fortunes in gratitude and appreciation for His teaching, but it is His steadfast principle not to accept any material offerings from anyone. Rather, he never hesitates to practice charity and relief to those in need.

Through his teachings and practices, art and poetry, H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III has pointed out a bright path of non-violence, charity and love for humanity; peace amongst mankind, societal progress and the advancement of civilization. Wherever He goes, H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III benefits people regardless of race, nationality, social status, age, religion, or culture.

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Hon. Benjamin A. Gilman is recognized by the World Peace Prize Awarding Council for being a life-long champion of human rights: fighting world hunger, narcotic abuse and trafficking. He has made many successful efforts to bring about "prisoner exchanges" which resulted in freedom of American citizens in East Germany, Mozambique, Cuba and several other nations. Congressman Gilman served 15 terms (30 years) in the U.S. Congress. Prior to that, he served 6 years in the New York State Legislature as Assemblyman, and several years as Assistant Attorney General in the New York State Department of Law. While in Congress, he has served as Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and as Congressional delegate to the United Nations with title of Ambassador, and later the Ukrainian Famine Commission and Vice Chairman of the committee on POW's. Mr. Gilman has been the recipients of numerous honors including the President's Certificate of Outstanding Achievement "for continued, demonstrated vision, initiative, and leadership in the effort to achieve a world without hunger" and has annually received the "Peace Through Strength" Award presented by the American Security Council.

Prior to retiring from the 107th Congressional session (January 2003), Benjamin A. Gilman had accumulated thirty years of experience, applying his seniority and compassion for his constituents in upper New York. From 1995 to 2002, Gilman served as Chairman of the House International Relations Committee, applying his seasoned leadership experience having served as a member of this Committee since his Congressional inauguration in 1993.

During his federal tenure, Gilman served as the Congressional Delegate to the UN under Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick during the 1981 UN Session. He also served on the Ukraine Famine Commission, the US European, US Canadian, and US Mexican Interparliamentary Conferences in addition to membership as a Congressional Advisor to the UN Law of the Sea Conference, Co-Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Irish Affairs and the International Task Force on Narcotics. Subsequently, Ben was reappointed by President Bush as a Public Delegate to the 28th UN General Assembly as a Senior Advisor to U.S. Ambassador, John Negroponte.

In Gilman's extensive advocacy for Human Rights, he successfully concluded prisoner exchanges, providing freedom for prisoners in East Germany, Mozambique, Cuba, and the Soviet Union during which he also served as the Congressional Human Rights Caucus Executive Member.

During the 101st Congress (1989-1991), he chaired the Emigration of Soviet Jewry House Task Force. Speaker Foley appointed Gilman to the US Holocaust Memorial Council in 1993 and he was re-appointed by Speaker Gingrich in 1997.

Gilman served as the Senior Republican on the Government's Reform and Oversight Committee and co-founded the House Select Committee on Narcotics, on which he was ranking Republican (1977-1989) actively serving that Committee until its abolition in 1993. Gilman also took part in fighting World Hunger and Malnutrition during the mid 1970's working with Hunger Champion singer-songwriter, Harry Chapin. Gilman authored legislation creating the Presidential Commission Against Hunger, subsequently serving on the Select Committee on World Hunger.

Congressman Gilman was a member of the Select Committee on POWS and MIA in Southeast Asia (1975-1977), subsequently serving as Chairman of the MIA and POW Task Force, and leading our nation's fight for an accounting of our POWs and MIAs in Vietnam, Laos, and China.

Born in Poughkeepsie, NY on December 6, 1922, Gilman was educated in the Middletown public schools, receiving his B.S. in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business and Finance (1946) and earning his L.L.B. from New York Law School (1950) and honorary degrees from St. Thomas Aquinas College, Mercy College, Yeshiva College, Dominican College, and the INJE University of South Korea.

During WWII, Gilman served as Staff Sergeant in the 19th Bomb group of the 20th Air Force, flying 30 missions over Japan and earning his Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters.

In the NY State Government, Gilman served as Assistant Attorney General in the NY State's Law Depart. and as Counsel to the State Assembly's Committee on Local Finance, having been elected a member of the NY State Assembly, serving from 1966-1972.

Gilman is a Member of the American Legion, the Disabled War Veterans, the Jewish War Veterans, the Masonic Veterans, is a former County Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and is a member of the Hudson-Delaware Boy Scout Council, the B.P.O. Elks, and the 33rd Degree Mason of Hoffman Lodge, a Colonel in the New York State Guard, a member of the International Enforcement Officers Association, and a Co-Founder of the NAACP chapter in Middletown, NY.

Gilman is currently serving on the Board of Directors for the International Medical Relief Foundation, Cooperation Ireland, the Humpty Dumpty Institute serving the UN, the American University of Antigua, Benai Zion, the American Friends and Shakespeare, and is an advisor to the U.S. Institute of Peace, the World Hunger Year, the Population Institute, and the New York Law School Alumni.

Ben Gilman married the former Georgia Nickles Tingus and they reside at the Fairways in Middletown, New York and have five children and three grandchildren.

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Founders

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Member of the U.S. Congress

Dr. Han Min Su
President of Korea Unification Preparatory Council,
ex public relations officer of the Pacific Air Force

Chief Judge

Hon. Lester Wolff
Member of the U.S. Congress, ret.
Chairman of the Asian and Pacific Affairs Committee; Chairman and
Founder of 'Ask Congress' television program

Executive Judge

Dr. Han Min Su
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Hon. Peter Lewis (Australia & South Pacific Region)

Former Speaker of the South Australian House of Assembly

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Retired Russian General,
President of Far Eastern State Technical University



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