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United Nations World Food Programme

Awarded 2020 Nobel Peace Prize

By Lochie Musso



The Norwegian Nobel Committee announced on 9 October 2020 that the **Nobel Peace Prize for 2020** is awarded to [World Food Programme](#) (WFP) "for its efforts to combat hunger, for its contribution to bettering conditions for peace in conflict-affected areas and for acting as a driving force in efforts to prevent the use of hunger as a weapon of war and conflict... . As the UN's largest specialized agency, the World Food Programme is a modern version of the peace congresses that the Nobel Peace Prize is intended to promote. . . contributing daily to advancing the fraternity of nations referred to in Alfred Nobel's will." (NobelPrize.org. Nobel Media AB 2020)

Founded in 1961, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) is the largest humanitarian agency in the world delivering food assistance as well as promoting economic and social development. WFP provides emergency relief in times of crisis both natural and man-made. Today's challenges are focused on conflict, climate change and coronavirus.

The second UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) is "[Zero Hunger](#)" pledging to "end hunger, achieve food security, improve nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture" by 2030. Food insecurity and malnutrition cause not only suffering and poor health but slow progress in many areas like education, employment and economy. WFP works with governments and over 100 Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) fighting hunger world-wide.

The newest WFP campaign is concerned with the tons of edible food being discarded daily across the globe. "[STOP the Waste](#)" movement addresses the problems of food distribution and use. While WFP reports that "There is enough food in the world to feed every child, woman and man on this planet yet one-third of that food ends up rotting in

trash bins or spoiling during transportation and storage while 690 million people go to bed hungry every night.”

Congratulations to United Nations World Food Programme! To learn more, go to nobelprize.org and/or WFP.org

U.N. RESOLUTION 1325: 20 Years Later

By Grace Murphy

[The Global Network of Women Peacebuilders](#), in conjunction with young women from the University of Praetoria in South Africa, presented a Zoom conference to both celebrate U.N. Resolution 1325 and prepare a blueprint for moving forward.

Unanimously adopted by the U.N. Security Council on 31 October 2000, [Resolution 1325](#) calls for the inclusion and participation of women in preventing and resolving conflicts, in peace-building, and in post-conflict negotiation.



Cora Weiss, a peace and social justice activist, and International Honorary Member of DKG, was the keynote speaker. Cora was deeply involved in the crafting of 1325; she said that she and a “handful” of people met in May, 1999 to discuss possibilities. They focused on the 3 P’s - participation in peace talks, prevention of conflict, and protection of women in armed conflict.

Cora gave advice to the young women: remember if there are no women at the table, it is not a legitimate negotiation; use your passion for peace and your imagination to solve problems, work to abolish nuclear weapons; include the people impacted by the conflict at the negotiation table.

The young women were urged by several other speakers to design a negotiation framework, to prepare for peace by peacebuilding, and to recognize the importance of education.

Climate Action Heroes Invade UN

The Climate Action Super Heroes Campaign is designed for “children under 12 to learn and engage on the topic of sustainability and protecting our planet. It’s based on a league of eight superheroes that teach and empower children to take individual climate action via various missions / activities that are available for download.” Check out the website: bit.ly/ClimateHeroes (Offered through DGC)



CTAUN's Plans – Looking Ahead

By Anne-Marie Carlson

[Note: The following article was first seen in New York State Organization's newsletter, *Pi Lights*, in September. Anne-Marie Carlson is Chair of CTAUN and a member of Phi Chapter in New York.]

Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN) has been actively looking ahead at our next endeavors. We have been doing so since mid-March when it became clear that large-scale conferences could not occur this year nor likely for a good part of 2021. CTAUN's plans continue to focus on current issues that impact us all in our communities and schools along with our role as global citizens. Our focus is on two major issues – those of misinformation and the indigenous. To examine these issues, we will provide additional background and resources through a network of speakers at the UN along with other experts and local leaders.

Virtual events for both are being developed. “*A Pandemic of Misinformation: Teaching for Media Literacy*” is scheduled for 8 December 2020 at 11 a.m. est. “*United Nations and Indigenous Peoples: Advocating for Education*” is planned for 24 January 2021, 3 p.m. est. Both programs are free on Zoom and will be recorded. Go to CTAUN's website – www.teachun.org for details, updates and registration information.

For those who'd like to revisit or see for the first time CTAUN's 28 February 2020 at the UN, go to -- <http://webtv.un.org/> -- and enter CTAUN in the Search Box at the top. That will lead you to both Parts I and II of the conference “War No More” with its renowned speakers.

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