



IRISH PEACE FOUNDATION



WORLD PEACE PRIZE



HONORING INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT NEWTON B. JONES, IBB, WITH THE WORLD PEACE PRIZE OF “ROVING AMBASSADOR FOR PEACE.”

CAPITOL HILL. August 12, 2021—The World Peace Prize has announced that it is conferring upon the distinguished Labor leader, Newton B. Jones— International President, International Brotherhood of Boilermakers — the World Peace Prize “Roving Ambassador for Peace.” The Presentation Ceremony will take place on a weekday from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM in the Bank of Labor, 815 Connecticut Ave NW, Suite L004, Washington, DC 20006 **on a date to be announced later.**

The Presentation Ceremony is not a fundraiser, but a free event. President Jones’ office is responsible for the invitations, and not the World Peace Prize. The World Peace Prize selects that time in the afternoon to clearly signal that it is not a lunch, or dinner, or banquet (just light refreshments)—and to keep all the attention on the Honoree and the meaning of the World Peace Prize.

The announcement was made by Fr. Sean McManus, Chief Judge of the World Peace Prize, and President of the Capitol Hill-based Irish National Caucus and Irish Peace Foundation, Washington, DC. The World Peace Prize is headquartered in Seoul, South Korea

Fr. Mc Manus said: "We were pleased to propose President Jones for the World Peace Prize of “Roving Ambassador for Peace” because for 50 years he has shown outstanding dedication to justice and total solidarity with working men and women—on both a local, national and global level. And Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Saint Pope John Paul II remind us that peace is the fruit of justice and solidarity." (Please visit **WorldPeacePrizeWashington.org** for further information).

I was delighted that our panel of International and Inter-Faith judges (World Peace Prize Awarding Council) representing all nine major world religious groups agreed. I strongly believe that the Labor Movement should be recognized as powerfully contributing to world peace based on solidarity, equality, and justice. And I know the late, great President Richard L. Trumka, AFL-CIO, most certainly agreed, and he was very pleased we have connected Labor's "fight for social justice with the building of peace nationally and globally. President Trumka himself formally helped us to launch the World Peace Prize within the AFL-CIO by being the first Laureate of the Prize on February 3, 2016, at his AFL-CIO Headquarters in Washington, DC.”

International President Jones said: “The history of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers has deep ties to the history of Irish America, beginning with our earliest days in railroad work and steam locomotives in 1880. For over 140 years, the Boilermakers union has been proud to call many Irish Americans brothers and sisters in our union -- brothers and sisters who are now building and maintaining America's most critical infrastructure components and ensuring that our great nation works. I am humbled and honored to be recognized as Roving Ambassador for Peace.”

Fr. Mc Manus explained: “Although the World Peace Prize is composed of religious groups, it selects as worthy candidates for the Prize not only persons of faith but also persons of no faith, provided they have shown outstanding dedication to justice because as the eminent American Protestant Scripture Scholar, Rev. Walter Brueggemann says: “In Biblical faith the doing of justice is the primary expectation of God.” ... And that is the wonderful, foundational thing about social justice—it unites people of all faiths and of no faith in building up on this earth The Beloved Community, as popularized by Dr. Martin Luther King. We are honored to honor International President Jones, of the great International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, with the World Peace Prize of “Roving Ambassador for Peace.”

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