

Pro Concordia Labor: A Celebration of Women, Peace and International Law

On August 27, 2013, at 18:30 pm, a public celebration will occur at the Oude Kerk in Delft, to commemorate the Centenary of the Peace Palace and honor the legacy of Bertha von Suttner, the first woman to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. A bust of Bertha von Suttner will be unveiled the following day in a private ceremony at the Peace Palace

The event is free and open to the public, but registration by August 20, 2013 is required.

The agenda is as follows:

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| 18:30 | Music, Coffee and Tea |
| 19:00 | Introductory Remarks |
| 19:10 | Address of Ms. Brigid Inder
<i>Director, Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice</i> |
| 19:45 | Address Stephen J. Rapp
<i>U.S. Ambassador for Global Criminal Justice</i> |
| 20:20 | Address of Ms. Leymah Gbowee
<i>2011 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate</i> |
| 21:00 | Reception |

Pro Concordia Labor has been organized to honor the legacy of Bertha von Suttner by providing a public educational event focused on current developments concerning women, peace and international law.

2011 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Leymah Gbowee will unveil the bust of Bertha von Suttner on the following day. This historic moment is the first time that a statue of a woman will be placed in the Peace Palace. Gbowee was the last woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize, an honor that she shared with Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and Tawakkol Karman.

“The aim of this celebration is to educate and inspire. The event has been organized to promote a deeper understanding of the significance of the Peace Palace Centenary and to ‘connect the dots’ between the unveiling of the Bertha von Suttner statute and the recent developments concerning women, peace and international law,” said Hope Elizabeth May, a Professor and U.S. Attorney who organized the event.

The event is generously funded by the Department of Philosophy & Religion and the College of Humanities and Social & Behavioral Sciences of Central Michigan University (CMU), a public university in the United States. CMU’s sponsorship of this event continues the legacy of the early leaders of CMU whom, in von Suttner’s time, were deeply involved in public education concerning the 19th century peace movement.

Register by sending an email with name, nationality, and affiliation of each guest by August 20, 2013 to: register@proconcordialabor.com Event website is <http://www.proconcordialabor.com>

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