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OUR VISION: We envision a future in which countries work together to abolish war, protect universal human rights and freedoms, foster sustainable development, and solve related problems facing humanity that no country can solve alone. This vision requires the involvement of informed world citizens to create and maintain effective democratic global institutions that will supplant the law of force with the rule of law while respecting the diversity and autonomy of national and local communities.

OUR MISSION: We are a membership organization working to build political will, promoting global citizenship and a new spirit of sharing, and devising initiatives to promote our vision. We undertake our mission by organizing educational events, communicating global concerns to public officials, collaborating with globally engaged organizations, and disseminating proposals to reform and strengthen the United Nations and other international institutions, including the creation of new agencies when necessary.

“Meet Me In St. Louie....”



THE 2017 CITIZENS FOR GLOBAL SOLUTIONS ANNUAL MEETING

CGS-MN past president Gail Hughes, along with current president Nancy Dunlavy and board member Dick Bernard represented Minnesota at the Oct 20-22, 2017 annual meeting of Citizens for Global Solutions (CGS) in St. Louis MO. Gail has served on the CGS Education Fund branch (501c3) for several years as CGS reorganized. There is a second 501c4 branch of CGS, the CGS Global Solutions Action Network. (Check in at <http://globalsolutions.org/> for more information). The meeting this year was especially important, establishing the future for the national organization. We were positively impressed with the tenor and outcomes of this most crucial gathering. Watch the national website (referenced above), for more specific information about activities in St. Louis.



Please join us to celebrate the founding of the UN!
United Nations Association
Harold E. Stassen Division in Minnesota
2017 ANNUAL MEETING & PROGRAM!
(co-sponsored by Citizens for Global Solutions, MN)

**“Connecting the local and global:
Minnesota’s role with the SDGs”**

presented by **Joseph Underhill, Ph.D.**

Augsburg University Environmental Studies Director, Associate Professor
Nobel Peace Prize Forum Director



**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**
17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD



How can the network of NGOs, academic institutions, and government agencies in Minnesota be mobilized and coordinated to be part of the global community's efforts to achieve the UN's Sustainable Development Goals? In the face of significant fragmentation and lack of effective networks, there is potential for the wide range of organizations in the state to play a role to respond to these global challenges, even in the face of a leadership vacuum at the national level. Using ideas from political organizing and the notion of "social movement ecosystems," the talk will make the case for a more intentional coordination of efforts within the rich array of organizations whose work relates to the SDGs.

Saturday, November 4th, noon to 2pm

Urban Research and Outreach Engagement Center (UROC)

2001 Plymouth Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55411

Free and open to the public!

We will be offering light refreshments for this event; please RSVP at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-una-mn-annual-meeting-tickets-38600469042>

CGS-MN THIRD THURSDAY GLOBAL ISSUES FORUMS

Free and open to the public; no reservations necessary

For more information, contact Nancy (651-785-4243), or go to globalsolutionsmn.org.

Plymouth Congregational Church

November in One Groveland room; January in Jackman Room; both lower level

1900 Nicollet Ave S, Minneapolis 55403

Abundant free parking in lot on Franklin Ave. adjacent to Church;
enter building from lot on LaSalle Ave side.



The North Korea Crisis and the U.N. Treaty to Ban Nuclear Weapons

Thursday, November 16, 7:00 – 8:45pm

Jay Kvale
Minnesota Peace Project

*This program is sponsored by CGS-MN, and co-sponsored by
the Minnesota Peace Project, the Minnesota Alliance of
Peacemakers, and United Nations Association, MN.*



Next Steps on Deep Climate Action: How Can Minnesota Lead?

Thursday, January 18, 7:00 – 8:45pm

J. Drake Hamilton
Science Policy Director, Fresh Energy

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the Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers and United Nations
Association, MN.*

J. Drake Hamilton is the science policy director at Fresh Energy, Minnesota's 25-year-old nonprofit focused on climate and energy policy. A geographer and climatologist by training, J. is an expert in climate policy, and will be participating in the November 2017 UN Conference of Parties meetings on climate action in Bonn. She'll report back on what was achieved at COP23, next steps for nations and the world, and how you can act effectively. Minnesota has achieved high levels of carbon reduction at no additional cost. Fresh Energy is a leader. More on Fresh Energy's very important work can be found online at fresh-energy.org

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“If we have confidence in freedom, growth and the miracle of change, then difficulty loses the power to intimidate.” Norman Cousins.

A favorite saying of Stanley Platt (1906-1997), CGS leader exemplar. Found on his desk after his death.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Joe Schwartzberg will receive the Harold E. Stassen Award from UNA Minnesota at its annual meeting, Nov. 4 (schedule and flier on page two of this newsletter.) Congratulations, Joe. The Award is richly deserved.

“The World Is My Country”, the inspiring film about Garry Davis, World Citizen #1, will show at St. Anthony Main Theatre Sat. Nov. 11 at 4 p.m. Sponsored by Veterans for Peace. Tickets and more information at <http://mspfilm.org/>. CGS-MN sponsored the successful World Premiere of this important film in April 2017.

A new feature of the CGS-MN website (<http://globalsolutionsmn.org/>), is a video series titled **PEACEMAKERS OF MINNESOTA**. Noteworthy Minnesotans with a history of working for peace and justice were interviewed in May and June 2014. The video project was conceived and interviews were conducted by Ehtasham Anwar (Pakistan); videos were recorded by Suhail Ahmed (Pakistan). Both gentlemen were Humphrey Fellows at the University of Minnesota Law School, Human Rights Center. The project was supervised by Dick Bernard, president (2005-07) of the Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers (www.mapm.org) and then-vice-president of Citizens for Global Solutions, Minnesota. New videos from the series will be added in the near future.

Our Board: Nancy Dunlavy, President; Kristi Rudelius-Palmer, Vice-President; Dick Bernard, Secretary; Dennis Dillon, Treasurer; Roxanne Abbas, Beth Blick, N. John Borgen, Dr. Gail Hughes, Jim Nelson, Dr. Bharat Parekh, Dr. Joseph Schwartzberg.

Join us: Suggested donations: \$10 students, \$30 individuals, \$40 couples.

Checks to “Citizens for Global Solutions” mailed to Dennis Dillon, 210 W. Grant St #414, Minneapolis 55403.