

*25th Annual Evening for Peace to Honor
Rev. George Regas & Stanley Sheinbaum
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Two men who wage peace with courage and commitment will be honored at the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation's 25th Annual Evening for Peace on Saturday evening 7 P.M. November 22 at Santa Barbara's Doubletree Inn. (That's the weekend *before* Thanksgiving.)

Reverend George Regas will receive our Distinguished Peace Leadership Award. George Regas has become a leader in the interfaith peace and nuclear disarmament movements. He had the wisdom in the wake of 9/11 to found an organization called the Interfaith Communities Uniting for Justice and Peace, dedicated to the idea that "Religious Communities Must Stop Blessing War and Violence." As rector of one of the largest Episcopal churches in the United States (All Saints in Pasadena) for 28 years, he has done much good work in Southern California, including founding an AIDS service center, a homeless shelter and a medical program for uninsured children. *He has a well-earned reputation as an orator of uncommon brilliance.*



Stanley Sheinbaum, peacemaker from Vietnam to the present, will receive our World Citizenship Award. Here is an excerpt about him from the *Jewish Journal*:

"Sheinbaum has witnessed history up close and personal, leaving his thumbprints all over some of the defining moments of the past half-century. Whether acting as the police commissioner who led the successful fight to oust former LAPD Chief Daryl Gates in the early 1990s; heading a delegation of American Jews to the Middle East in the late 1980s to convince Yasser Arafat to publicly renounce terrorism and recognize Israel's right to exist; fighting for divestment from South Africa as a University of California regent; or raising nearly \$1 million for the successful defense of Pentagon Papers principal Daniel Ellsberg, Sheinbaum has made a difference."

The Evening for Peace has become an event like no other – honoring remarkable leaders who pursue peace with integrity, persistence and heart.

In the past our awards have been presented to: The XIVth Dalai Lama, Jody Williams Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Walter Cronkite, Jacques Cousteau and Helen Caldicott.

Last year, we honored Peter, Paul and Mary in a moving and memorable event.

This year holds similar promise. The theme for our 25th anniversary event is *Renewed Hope for Peace*. We will focus on the need for faith, tolerance and courage as the world encounters new opportunities to pursue the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Music will be woven throughout the evening – with singers and musicians offering songs from different countries and traditions along the theme of peace.

Ticket prices for the reception, dinner and program are \$500 Patron (includes Patron Reception), \$250 Regular, \$200 Student.

An array of sponsorship opportunities are also available – including the opportunity to sponsor students to attend the Evening for Peace. Last year, thanks to generous donors, 110 students attended the event for free. It was inspiring to see so many of Santa Barbara’s young people motivated by Peter, Paul & Mary’s work for peace and social justice. Any questions about sponsorship should be directed to Steven Crandell, 805-965-3443.

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