The Reverend Canon Andrew White, a leading figure in the effort for peace in Iraq and throughout the Middle East, will receive the Civil Courage Prize Medal for 2010 and $50,000 at a ceremony in New York on October 18th. Canon White, also known as the “Vicar of Baghdad,” is rector of St George’s Church Baghdad, an ecumenical congregation and the last Anglican church in Iraq. He is a key participant in the peace process there and has worked since 2003 to reconcile Iraq’s disparate religious factions by developing relationships with many of the most senior religious leaders within the Sunni, Shia, Kurdish, Christian and other minority communities. Working together with the Provisional Coalition Authority, Canon White helped facilitate the signing of the Baghdad Peace Accord in February 2004. The ensuing religious dialogue was seen as instrumental in the development of the reconstruction process in Iraq. In 2005, Canon White

Jon Meacham, the noted journalist and Pulitzer Prize winning author, will deliver the keynote address at October’s Civil Courage Prize Ceremony at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York. Mr. Meacham has spent fifteen years at Newsweek, first as a writer, then as managing editor from 1998. He was appointed editor of the magazine in October 2006. In March 2010, Mr. Meacham also became co-anchor of the weekly PBS public affairs program, Need to Know.

Mr. Meacham is the author of the bestselling American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House, for which he won a Pulitzer Prize in April 2009. He has also authored two other New York Times bestsellers: American Gospel: God, the Founding Fathers, and The Making of a Nation; and the award-winning Franklin and Winston: An Intimate Portrait of an Epic Friendship, about the wartime relationship between the two leaders.


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Letter from the Chairman

We are exceedingly grateful—and at the same time a bit apologetic—for the thoughtful nominations that eminent persons and organizations have sent us. Grateful, because these nominations are the fuel of our process and bring to our attention an array of impressive individuals. Apologetic, since so many entirely worthy candidates could not be recognized this year, despite their clearly displaying lives full of civil courage.

We have developed criteria to help us choose prize-winners, including a desire to focus on a different geographical area from a recent prior year and not to favor a candidate who has recently received another high recognition such as a major prize. And of course acts recognized should be steadfast, over time.

We are profoundly moved by the heroic lives of these nominees.

John Train

A list of nominators for the 2009 and 2010 Civil Courage Prize nomination cycle appears on Page 3.

Jon Meacham to Deliver Keynote Speech at Prize Ceremony

continued from page 1 Review, and The Washington Post Book World, he edited, in 2001, Voices in Our Blood: America’s Best on the Civil Rights Movement, a collection of distinguished nonfiction about the mid-century struggle against Jim Crow. In 2007, Mr. Meacham was awarded the Hubert H. Humphrey First Amendment Medal by the Anti-Defamation League, which recognizes those who have made significant and lasting contributions to the protection and advancement of the First Amendment.

Canon Andrew White Wins 2010 Civil Courage Prize

continued from page 1 co-founded the Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East, of which he is President and CEO. He is widely considered to be extremely courageous and to have played a vital part in the reduction of Iraq’s sectarian violence. A highlight of his work was a 2008 joint Sunni-Shiite fatwa seeking peace, a call to end religious violence between the two warring sides. This proclamation was the result of an ongoing series of conferences that brought together many different religious groups in Iraq with no other forum for debate and reconciliation.

In addition to his bridge-building work with leading Iraqi clerics, Canon White, who himself suffers from multiple sclerosis, also attends to the medical needs of the people of Baghdad, operating medical and dental clinics which provide services to all who need them, regardless of religious affiliation—many of whom are Muslim. He has also worked as a mediator in over a hundred cases of kidnapping, effecting a successful release in many of those cases. In 2007, Canon White testified before the US Commission on International Religious Freedom and he also continues his directorship of the International Ministry for the Diocese and Cathedral of Coventry.

Before arriving in Iraq, Canon White was the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Special Envoy to the Middle East and a strategic player in bringing about the signing of the Alexandria Declaration, which established a dialogue among many of the key religious leaders in the Middle East in an effort to further the Israeli-Palestinian peace process. He was also one of the main negotiators during the siege of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem in 2002. Before that his efforts were focused on Nigeria where he worked in response to the terrible riots in Kaduna in 2000.

Canon White is exposed to considerable danger and has suffered frequent death threats from sectarian militia, as well as calls for his capture “dead or alive,” and has been beaten, held at gunpoint and had his quarters ransacked. He and his staff are constantly under threat, a significant number having been murdered or kidnapped. The Iraqi armed forces now provide him with a security detail and the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office has insisted on him leaving the country at times, but he continues to return to pursue his important work. The former Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Carey, states that these threats have “not curtailed his desire to make a difference and I am quite sure that he would be willing to take the ultimate step of laying down his life, if it made a difference for peace.” Because of his work, Canon White is often away from his wife and two children who live in England.

He has been the recipient of a number of awards recognizing his tireless work for peace and has written several books about his views and experiences in Iraq, and many articles about his work and inter-faith activities.
Recent News of Past Winners

Aminatou Haidar, 2009
Peaceful Pursuer of Western Saharan Self-Determination

On her return home to Laayoune, Western Sahara from receiving the Civil Courage Prize in New York, Moroccan officials seized Aminatou Haidar’s passport and denied her re-entry. She was forced onto a Spanish aircraft and began a life-threatening hunger strike when she disembarked in Lanzarote. She was finally returned to the Western Sahara by medical aircraft 32 days later. After just six months spent at home convalescing, Ms. Haidar returned to the United States to continue her efforts to gain human rights for the Sahrawi people. During her visit, Ms. Haidar met with Train Foundation trustees and stated that “Morocco’s grip on the Western Sahara constitutes the last colony in Africa and it’s the only one where human rights are not protected. Thus we do not enjoy freedom of speech or assembly, or political self-determination, and our resources are unilaterally exploited by Morocco, the occupying power. All we ask is the basic rights that belong to people everywhere, these found in the U.N.’s Universal Declaration of Human Rights.” Ms. Haidar who has previously been jailed by Moroccan authorities and “disappeared” without charge or trial and also held for four years in a secret location, arrived in New York looking fragile yet determined. In the last six months, Ms. Haidar has received numerous awards for her courageous and peaceful battle.

With Special Thanks to Civil Courage Prize Nominators 2009-2010

Montu Ahanthem
of Wide Angle
Hanan A. Awwad
of The Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, Palestine
Barbara Becker
of EqualShot
Carlos Brillembourg
of Warwick, Coventry University
William Browder
of Hermitage Capital Management
William J. Butler
of The American Association of International Commission of Jurists
Isabel Coleman
of The Council on Foreign Relations
Sant Vivek Das
of Kabir Charan Math
Jack David
of The Hudson Institute
Inna Dubinsky
of Voice of America, Russian Service
Michella Findley
of Looking for My Sister
Helen Fioratti
of L’Antiquaire & Connoisseur
Donald T. Fox
of Fox Horan & Cameron LLP
Andrew Fraser
of Mitsubishi Corporation
Brooke Galloway
of Americans Overseas Domestic Violence Crisis Center
Steven Gerber
of Rabbs for Human Rights
Girmaye Gizaw
of Free Britukan Mideksa
Germaine Greer
of the University of Warwick, Coventry
Vartan Gregorian
of Carnegie Corporation of New York
Paul Hamann
of Reprieve
Mohammed Garba Hassan
of The Daily Trust Newspaper
Alice Henkin
of The Aspen Institute
Katherine Hill
of Focus: HOPE
Virginia Hurt
Giancarlo Ibarguen
Donna Inglima
Marion B. Javits
Erol Kekic
of the Church World Service Immigration & Refugee Program
Cat Lucas
of English PEN
Faith McDonnell
of The Institute on Religion and Democracy
Damien McElroy
of The Telegraph
James Masuna,
Kalenzi Victor
of High Hope Uganda
Jamie Metzl
of Asia Society
Arigabu Opeoluwa
Michael
of Zoom Mobile
Aryeh Neier
of the Open Society Institute
Paul Steiger
of Elliott Management
Paul Steiger
of Pro Publica
Henri Tiphagne
of People’s Watch
Rev. Robert Tobin
& Maurice Tobin
Hoi Trinh
of VOICE
Lord Weidenfeld
Kenneth Weinstein
of The Hudson Institute
Josh Weston
of Automatic Data Processing
Egie Wiesel
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John F. Woolverton
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Nominations for the Prize are solicited primarily from non-profit, non-governmental organizations worldwide. Further information may be obtained from our website: www.civilcourageprize.org.

“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”
—Edmund Burke