

TRIBUTE TO
THE LIFE-LONG CHAMPION OF THE CULTURE OF PEACE
OUR DEAR AND RESPECTED AVON MATTISON
BY THE GLOBAL MOVEMENT FOR THE CULTURE OF PEACE (GMCoP)

Very early this morning (14 October 2021) Eastern Time (Pacific Time 11.08 pm on 13 October), humanity lost a great soul dedicated to promoting the cause of peace to all corners of our planet. We will miss Avon and her valiant spirit inspiring us for so many years in so many ways. May her noble soul rest in eternal peace!

Avon Mattison has been a peacebuilding advisor and mentor for over three decades. She works with innovative leaders, groups and organizations committed to cooperatively building the Culture of Peace intergenerationally and interculturally for the children of this and future generations.

Avon traces her commitment to peacebuilding to her childhood years during World War II, hearing her parents talk of war, and being utterly captured by the notion of spending her life promoting world peace.

She is Founder of Pathways To Peace (PTP), an international peacebuilding, educational and consulting organization. PTP has Consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council and is an official Peace Messenger of the United Nations (UN). The organization is a tax-exempt, not-for-profit, non-partisan organization.

A U.S. Foreign Service diplomat for three years serving the European Community, Avon was also a former special advisor to the White House Conference on Small Business. She is a Summa Cum Laude graduate in political science and international communications, University of Maryland and George Washington University. She's listed in "Who's Who in Business and Finance", and Strathmore's "Who's Who Registry of Business Leaders." She served on the Advisory Councils/Boards of several international organizations, including: the Global Commission to Fund of the United Nations, the Center For Visionary Leadership, Foundation for the Healing Among Nations, Global Youth Action Network, Radio For Peace International, World Peace Prayer Society, the World Centers of Compassion for Children, and the World Fund for the Dignity of Children.

Through Pathways To Peace, Avon inaugurated an ongoing "Rights of the Child Caucus" within the UN system during the World Summit on Social Development.

With participants from around the world, the Culture of Peace Initiative (CPI) is a cooperative local-global peacebuilding initiative uniting the strengths of

organizations, networks, projects and people to realize the Culture of Peace for the common good of humanity. The CPI also serves as a vehicle for bringing to light many previously unseen and unheard peacebuilders working along diverse paths, who are embodying the emerging Culture of Peace. The annual highlight of the Culture of Peace Initiative is the International Day of Peace, which provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations, and nations to work together, on a shared date, to create practical acts of peace and non-violence with a year-round impact.

Avon was invited by the 66th President of the UN General Assembly as a panel speaker at the inaugural UN High Level Forum on The Culture of Peace on 14 September 2012 at the UN headquarters in New York. We recall by inspiring participation at that Forum with deep gratitude!

WE LOVE YOU, DEAR AVON, AND WILL MISS YOU ALWAYS!!

**WE SEEK YOUR BLESSINGS IN OUR ONWARD JOURNEY FOR
ADVANCING THE CULTURE OF PEACE !!!**

Observance of the International Day of Peace on 21 September 2012 with Mrs. Ban Ki-moon, wife of the UN Secretary-General ringing the peace-bell replica with Ambassador Anwarul Chowdhury. The ceremony was organized by the NGO Committee for the IDP at the UN in cooperation with the then UN-DPI. GMCoP colleagues Avon Mattison and Monica Willard were present in the honor line. The UN-recognized Peace Messengers are standing in the back.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF GMCoP : AMBASSADOR ANWARUL CHOWDHURY 14 October 2021

**Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury
Former Under-Secretary-General
and High Representative of the UN**