

Global Federalist 501c4 and Press Corps – Critical Outreach Needs 2019

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The greatest current need of humanity at both the national and international levels is for an efficient, effective and empowered global government. Nearly all of the challenges humanity faces today are global in nature – from nuclear holocaust to climate change to inequality to pollution to injustice. No one nation or even one group of nations can take responsibility for these problems and solve them. And the time is short to reach solutions since many of these challenges are combining and magnifying rapidly in effect. The current migration/refugee issue in Europe and the United States is an example of the nationalistic withdrawal response to the pressure of migration – and this is only the tip of the iceberg on this issue alone. Retiring into populist, isolationist, nationalist fervor amounts to an attempt by nations to deny and insulate themselves from having to deal with the real immigration challenge as it becomes more and more substantial. And there is absolutely no answer in it!

So, we look to see if there are any organizations with comprehensive scope that are trying to promote global integration on policy and governance to address these challenges. While there are NGOs with varying scopes that are trying to make a difference on many issues and many fronts, there is only the United Nations that exists to integrate the nations of the world so they can address the entire complex of important issues that humanity faces. Unfortunately, as it is currently structured and executed, the UN is nominal in its effectiveness – being hindered in virtually all of its significant efforts by nations that are in a political position to block policies and actions that they regard as not in their individual self-interests. The common good of all nations is thus easily thwarted, and the UN becomes more a debating society than a governing body.

This situation brings us to consider whether there is a viable option to the UN, and the fact is that there is not. It has taken a long time to bring the 193 member nations in the UN to the state that the UN is in presently. So, we have to work to improve the UN that we have. This conclusion brings us to look for organizations that are proposing reforms of the UN to render it effective as a global governing institution able to address humanity's many current challenges.

There is such an organization: the World Federalist Movement with its allied Institute for Global Policy [www.wfm-igp.org]. This organization has been in existence since 1947 with many major supporters [Mahatma Gandhi, William O. Douglas, Albert Einstein, Martin Luther King, Winston Churchill, Jawaharlal Nehru, etc.]. For many years, the World Federalist Movement [WFM] has

promoted change of the overall structure of the UN and within its many subdivisions to render it more effective. And it has developed and offered major policy and program proposals within the UN subdivisions. These proposals are detailed and substantial, they come from experts from a wide variety of nations, and they are justified by the current state of international and UN affairs. Unfortunately, very few of these proposals have been implemented. But the WFM, with its many member organizations in 68 nations as well as the many chapters within these nations has a substantial global organizational structure in place to promote its mission. And the WFM conducts substantial outreach mainly through its Institute for Global Policy and various educational efforts at many levels: seminars, workshops, courses, forums, and periodic rally events.

So, why over the last 70 years has the WFM not been more successful? There are three main reasons: a) a few powerful, structurally entrenched, status quo oriented nations are able to block actions and proposed changes; b) the fear of nations/citizens that an empowered UN will result in their losing their sovereignty/identity; and c) outreach limited mostly to education. The proposed federalist structure for a reformed UN is intended to address “b,” allowing for individual nations to determine most of their internal affairs. “a” can only be addressed by expanding “c” with a major outreach program to world citizens and to the progressive representatives within the national political governments.

The WFM needs to create an allied major outreach branch – a 501c4 - PAC and a Global Federalist Press Corps with the goal of promoting the WFM mission in world governments and all modalities of the media so as to reach all the citizens of the world. Such an effort can bypass the anti-change political forces supported by mega corporations and entrenched national governments. This effort can start in the developed and developing nations by establishing a political presence to support the global federalist government mission, identifying this mission as the only real means to resolve humanity’s global challenges – IN TIME. This political and media arm of the WFM can expose the forces that are working against this mission and can keep the WFM agenda constantly in the lead of news cycles. Educational outreach based on intellectual, scientific argument is valuable, but to be effective at the global level, it must be combined with substantial political punch. And, TIME IS SHORT!

WFM can get the international and national level funding for this major outreach effort from the appropriate foundations!! These foundations should be very interested in supporting this new WFM effort given the eminent standing of the organization, the immediacy of the need, the scope of the challenges that have the potential to be addressed, and the global scale of the solutions that will be offered through a fully reconstituted and empowered United Nations.