

PROGRAM

<i>Prelude</i>	Music from lands served by the Institute
<i>Welcome</i>	Dennis C. Owsley, Ph.D. President Ethical Society of St. Louis
<i>Intonation</i>	Music from lands served by the Institute
<i>Introduction</i>	James F. Hornback, Ph.D. Leader Emeritus Ethical Society of St. Louis
<i>Presentation</i>	Dennis C. Owsley, Ph.D.
<i>Response</i>	Anne Moller President, Board of Directors International Institute of Metropolitan St. Louis
<i>Collection and Organ Solo</i>	Carl Smith, Organ
<i>Response</i>	Anna Peterson Director International Institute of Metropolitan St. Louis
<i>Concluding Song</i>	Theme from <i>Finlandia</i> Carl Smith, Organ

This is my song - a song for all the nations.
A song for peace, for lands afar - and mine;
This is my home, the country where my heart is,
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

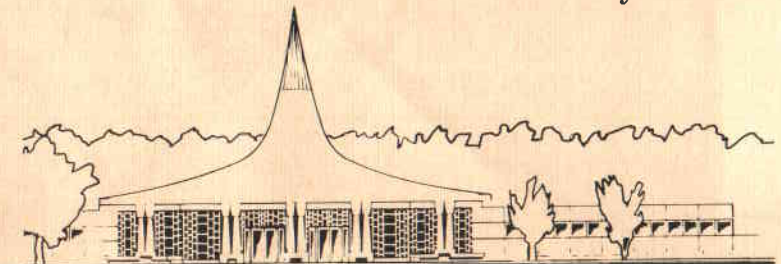
My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine,
But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
This is my song - a song for all the nations,
A song of peace for other lands - and mine.

Words by Irving Stone

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Ethical Humanist of the Year
Award to the
International Institute
of Metropolitan St. Louis*

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Ethical Society of St. Louis
9001 Clayton Road





From the inscription at the base of the Statue of Liberty

*"...Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to be free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, the tempest tossed, to me;
I lift my lamp beside the golden door."*

Emma Lazarus

There are few more humanitarian acts than accepting the responsibility for newly arriving refugees. Refugees arrive in this country having lost all extended family, community roots and material possessions. The language is unknown to most of them. They arrive with the debt of their airfare and the psychological scars of their flight and exile. High hopes soon turn to terror.

It is at this point that the staff of the International Institute takes them in, providing them with a new support group to fight off homesickness, grief and depression, helping them to learn English and acquire marketable skills. In 1983, over 3,000 individuals received these support and survival services from the Institute.

Founded in 1919, the International Institute of Metropolitan St. Louis was one of more than 60 immigrant service agencies established after World War I to assist displaced persons and refugees. The Institute staff worked with Hungarians and Czechoslovakians in the 1950's and 1960's. Following the Korean War, they taught English to Japanese wives of servicemen returning to St. Louis. For the past decade, the Institute has served as the central facility for the St. Louis community's growing refugee population. Vietnamese, Laotian, Ethiopian, Iranian, Afghan, Polish and other Eastern European refugees regularly are helped by the Institute. The Institute was the recipient of the prestigious United Nations Humanitarian award in 1981.

Facts cannot convey what the staff of the Institute means to these refugees. What these people receive provides a living definition of Ethical Humanism. It is for this reason that their work is honored today by the James F. Hornback Ethical Humanist of the Year Award.

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS

J.F. Hornback
Ethical Humanist of the Year Award

1976 - J.F. Hornback

1977 - Frank Susman

1978 - Frank E. Nutt

1979 - Senator Harriett Woods

1980 - DeVerne and Ernest Calloway

1981 - Eldora Spiegelberg

1982 - Paul A. Dewald, M.D.

1983 - Leo and Kay Drey