

Dear Friends,

This year, as you know, is the 60th Anniversary of the United Nations and the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Dag Hammarsköld. We would like to create an event that celebrates both these important milestones, and we would like you to be part of this planning team. **You are therefore invited to participate in an important planning meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 27, from 1pm to 3pm, at the Boss Room, 8th floor of the Church Center, 777 UN Plaza, (44th Street & 1st Avenue).**

Our vision is to work collaboratively to create a celebration of our UN Community. The suggested working title of this event is:

The Spirit of the United Nations: Markings for the Future

On the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the United Nations and the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Dag Hammarsköld, the second Secretary-General of the UN.

Dag Hammarsköld is often quoted as saying, “We can only succeed in achieving world peace if there is a spiritual renaissance on this planet.” In his book of meditations, entitled *Markings*, Dag Hammarsköld revealed his spiritual self-portrait. At this time, we have the opportunity to begin to paint a new portrait of our UN Community that reflects even more clearly the values and spiritual principles that underlie the principles on which the UN was founded.

We would like to “mark” the past 60 years of the UN by remembering its founders and to lay signposts – “markings,” if you will – of our goals, our vision of the future, our reason for being. Our goal is for this celebration to be experienced and have meaning at the individual level, the organizational level (NGOs, agencies, missions), and as a whole international body.

When planning for the event we would like to keep in mind the following guidelines:

- It should be experiential, that is, people should be able to remember how it made them feel.
- It should be spiritually uplifting.
- We should have a clear vision of the outcome.
- We should make it as inclusive as possible, including all interested UN NGO Committees and Caucuses, NGOs, UN Agencies, Permanent Missions, UN Staff, Indigenous Peoples, Secretariat Staff Clubs, and any other interested parties.
- We should work collaboratively and in unity and experience what we ourselves wish for the world.

Please RSVP by or before July 26 if you intend to join us. If you need further information please contact info@csvgc.org or valuescaucus@valuescaucus.org

With best wishes,

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Audrey Kitagawa, Co-Chair, Spiritual Council for Global Challenges

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Diane Williams, Chair, NGO Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns

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Current Participating Organizations

Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University

NGO Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns (CSVGC)

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