

National Ethical Service

National Ethical Service (NES), formerly the National Service Council, is a 501(c)(3) affiliated Ethical Culture organization. We were founded by women in Ethical Culture in 1929 and are entirely volunteer-oriented. We were the **first** group to:

- Promote inter-cooperation among local Societies (before the American Ethical Union was established),
- Participate in a national US Conference on Peace,
- Publish *The Dialogue* (now the American Ethical Union quarterly newsletter),
- Represent Ethical Culture at the United Nations,
- Develop working relations with the Missions and the Office of the President of the General Assembly (PGA), and
- Promote interspirituality encompassing both secular and religious traditions in the Ethical Culture Movement.

NES launched the Rose L. Walker Fund in 2008, the **first** fund to offer seed grants to fledgling initiatives that promote Felix Adler's "Ethical Manifold" vision that world religions must work together for a healthy multicultural world future through their shared heritages of values and ethics. This Fund is invested in socially responsible stocks and bonds. Only the interest is used to support special programming of National Ethical Service along with appropriate Seed Grants. One seed-grant was awarded in 2013 to a youth Group in Brooklyn, NY. A special program grant was awarded to a campaign on an Internet blog called Speak Easy that promotes inter-faith shared vision.

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At the United Nations, National Ethical Service collaborated in two programs presented in the General Assembly Hall. One was the High Level Forum on the Culture of Peace convened by Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and the President of the 66th General Assembly, Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser in September 2012. The other was the Interfaith Harmony of Religions in February 2013.

In addition, we co-sponsored several programs during Side Events for the Commission on the Status of Women 2013 and during the Week of Spirituality in October 2012. We hold leadership positions on the Committee of Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns, the sub-committee on Racism, the Global Movement for the Culture of Peace and the Eco-Spirituality and Climate Change Working Groups. We are developing an unpaid internship program for students to receive college credit at their colleges and universities.

Members of our Executive Committee write "From the UN," a column on UN issues that is published regularly in Society newsletters and in *The Dialogue*. NES Platforms were given at NYSEC, RYSEC, ESEC, BSEC, and Brooklyn. To request a platform speaker you can contact us at info@nationalserviceaeu.org.

Visit us at www.nationalserviceaeu.org, on Facebook, and on Twitter. All members of AEU are members of NES. As no proceeds of this luncheon go to NES, we appreciate your continued financial support.