

Festus Onogholo Awarded the Africa Peace Gold Award for 2006

"I have walked that long road to freedom. I have tried not to falter; I have made missteps along the way. But I have discovered the secret that after climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are more hills to climb. I have taken a moment here to rest, to steal a view of the glorious vista that surrounds me, to look back on the distance I have come. But I can rest only for a moment, for with freedom come responsibilities, and I dare not linger, for my long walk is not yet ended"

Nelson Mandela - The first President of South Africa taken from Long Walk to Freedom 1994

In the footsteps of Nelson Mandela comes another young man who will climb every hill to lift his country out of poverty, create schools and provide free education for the children, ask for help with medical care and teach them responsibility for their own health while solving the insurmountable issues of providing clean water and shelter for all the people of the African nations. Knowing that the power to change the course of many lives comes from within each person, Festus Onogholo gathers them in small villages across many nations sharing his teachings while leading powerful meditations that uplift their souls and create harmony among his people in their war-torn land.

Great men like Festus Onogholo who work tirelessly for their people rarely come to our attention. Compassion for his people is unbounded and his heart has no limits. I have many reasons for introducing him to the nanotechnology community of research and development as many of the experts continue to gather around the world for discussions on inclusion of nanotechnology for developing nations. It is my hope that nano science will soon provide clean water in large countries like Africa and India along with supporting global education. Festus is one of those rare people who is not asking permission to make a difference in his country and works tirelessly to find solutions for his people.

Join the effort with open hearts and minds to support his Divine Peace Initiative for Africa by offering nanotechnology solutions for clean water and help with his education programs. Work with the people from Africa who are determined to solve the poverty issues and live in harmony and peace. Festus will be visiting the United States in February 2007 and The NanoTechnology Group Inc. will provide the opportunity for your university or organization to sponsor a talk and/or discuss the advancements of nano science and technology in the areas of providing clean water and education for Africa. If you are working in this area of nanotechnology read the story of this amazing man and contact us for scheduling his travel agenda.



Festus Onogholo Africa Peace Gold Awardee for 2006

The honor was bestowed based on all of Festus Onogholo's work in the African nations including his home located in the Edo State to encourage and teach the people that they could succeed in creating one of the most peaceful religious states in Africa.

A group from the *Association Bernadette Strebel World Peace in Spain* traveled to Benin to honor him with the Africa Peace Gold Award for the year 2006.

“I DEDICATE THIS INTERNATIONAL AWARD, AFRICA PEACE GOLD AWARD TO ALL WHO LONG FOR WORLD PEACE IN THE USA.” Festus stated upon receipt of the Award.



The wife of the Governor, of Edo State Mrs Eki Igbiniedion with the award Trophy from Bernadette Strebel

The state Governor that supported his work was also honored with **the Africa Icon of Peace Gold Award.**

Determination, faith and passion can make a difference in the world.

The 21st Century has been beclouded with fights against the abuse of fundamental human rights on individuals and nations as a whole. This abuse in Africa has lead to the breakdown of law and order in Nigeria and other Africa countries.

With a passion to support the effort of Peace loving individuals and corporate bodies Festus Onogholo with the support of Bernadette Strebel decided to open an organization in Africa to support humanity to live Divine Peace and be in harmony with nature and with one another.

This organization is called ***Divine Peace Initiative for Africa.*** It is a registered organization with branches in Nigeria, Togo, Ghana, Niger Republic, Liberia, Cameroon, Gabon and Spain.

This organization has provided hope for the hopeless in Africa and it is on record that the ***Bridge of Hope Project*** has saved the lives of 4,800 children in the Niger republic. During the famine period in Niger Republic this organization donated food, clothing

and medical treatments in the form of vitamins and minerals to children in Zinder and Maradi. His organization has developed the food support centre in Maradi and Zinder with the support of lightworkers in Europe. He has also enrolled some children in schools.

In the year 2000, Festus Onogholo launched the Liberian Divine Peace Project in Monrovia. The launching was followed by presentation of Seminars on Divine Peace and religious harmony. This seminar supported the people and taught them to focus on all that unites them resulting in establishing Peace to this war-torn country where over 5 million people were killed in the civil war that lasted for 15 years. Over the last few years Festus has developed six centers of divine peace in Monrovia, Buchanan, Greenville and Moron.

Festus Onogholo has embarked on numerous peace projects to protect and empower the African women and children. His organization carries out large group campaigns to stop female genital mutilation, a kind of painful cut on the female genital organ in the fore-skin of the vulva in the Northern part of Nigeria and to stop the forcing of children into early marriage. He is presently embarking on a large scale public enlightenment program on HIV/Aids among Africa women and children. He sponsored many of the programs to help stop the spread of HIV/Aids and to show love and care to people living with HIV/Aids in Africa. To this he is calling for support to enable him to reach more of the rural areas in Africa.

Another area of great success is promoting religious harmony between all religions and tribes in Africa. He also supports the Muslim and Christian religions to see themselves as one divine presence and to know that they are all from the same divine source and the one creator/God that is present in all life forms. During the last religious riot in his country, during which thousands of people were killed in the North, Festus in his small single-handed capacity founded the camp where all the Muslim in Southern Nigeria came and took refuge, as the Christians in the South were waiting to take revenge. Through this singular act thousands of Muslim's were saved and others from Onisha also came to Festus's camp in Aduwawa to take refuge. His work in Edo State of Nigeria, has made the state as one of the most peaceful religious states, not only in the Niger-Delta, but in Africa as a whole.



To expand this Divine Peace Project to all Africa Country, a Divine Peace Temple has been built in Nigeria as a centre for Global Peace and Africa Religion Unity. With the financial support of 50,000 euro from lightworkers in Europe, Festus was able to complete this centre in Benin, within 6 months, which was inaugurated October 7th 2006 with lightworkers from Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and

Spain in attendance.

The next project Festus and his organization are initiating is to build an **International Peace Academy and WATER FOR LIFE PROJECT**. As education is an instrument for change in any society, this Peace Academy will provide education for the poor and shall serve as an educating centre where inter-religious, harmony, tolerance, peace and oneness are promoted. The Federal Ministry of Education has promised to support Festus with the required teaching personnel. This academy will be a non-profit non/fee paying school and it shall be an elementary school for children from 6 years and above and a college for adolescent age group.

It shall provide a National School Education in-line with the National Policy on Education and shall serve as an educating center where inter-religious harmony, tolerance, peace and oneness are promoted. It shall also have the Seminar Centre for Peace where adults will be trained to be peaceful and to live in harmony with nature.

We are making the call from International bodies, corporate organizations, and philanthropic organizations to support this peace academy project for the International Peace Academy financially and materially.

Your material support can be in-kind by providing computers, photocopy machines, chairs, tables/desks, office equipment, and school buses. Construction of the building is estimated to cost 120,000 US\$ dollars. This will be used for building 64 classrooms, administrative block for teachers, Head teacher, Principal's office and buying some sporting equipment. If you are touched by their passion and determination please offer your support in making the world a home of peace kindness.

Also for our Bridge of Hope project in NIGER Republic, we ask that you support US TO SAVE THE LIFE OF A CHILD. Each minute a child dies in Niger from starvation and hunger-related disease. We were all lucky to have good parents, good government to care for us, and good security from the environment. But today the dying children in Africa still need your help if you will listen to the inner voice of your soul that is full of light. We will love and appreciate your support of this project in terms of used childrens clothing, shoes, dried powdered milk for children, dried cocoa drink, multivitamins and minerals. All this will be transported to our food support centers in Maradi & Zinder in Niger Republic.

Items donated can be sent directly to:

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