

## Atlanta: City of Peace, Inc. (ACP)



**“Gifting our Global Family with a Global Capital of Peace!”**

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**APPEAL:** Uniting to Co-Create a Global Capital of Peace for Planet Earth...  
[ Your immediate ACTION requested / needed ]

Greetings from Atlanta: City of Peace.  
Happy New Year & Global Family Day-2018!

**WE HAVE A DREAM!** Over the coming years our organization, Atlanta: City of Peace Inc. (ACP), with your influence, can lead in transforming Dr. King's birthplace into a global capital of peace so it may inspire our beautiful Global Family for many generations to come -- even as humanity adventures further out into...

### ***Space: The Final Frontier***

**INVITATION:** Will you, your schools and especially your students welcome the opportunity & responsibility to become KEY OFFICIAL CO-FOUNDERS by boldly partnering in **creating Earth's Global Capital of Peace**? Our ultimate service DREAM will become REALITY much faster when you accept our appeal. Ideally, it would be GREAT to eventually have all 10 of you identified as Founding Trustees by the end of 2018.

**REFERRAL?** We are searching for a powerful attorney, with requisite social courage, to lead in restructuring so that we can secure inspiring trustees like you. Since Mahatma Gandhi, Esq is the attorney who created **INDIA: The World's Biggest Democracy**, we are certain YOU may know of an attorney who can lead our huge DREAM. Please send recommendations here: [ATLpeace2001@gmail.com](mailto:ATLpeace2001@gmail.com) [with BOLD ACTION let's unite].

Atlanta has a GREAT asset that is still relatively unknown and ignored. It is rooted in the fact that Dr. King is recognized worldwide as the most globally productive peace movement protégé of Mahatma Gandhi, plus he perpetually warns all: ***“We may ignore Gandhi at our own risk.”*** We invite you, your schools and students to partner with us in ‘mining’ an amazing resource (details below) because it holds our city's true destiny. It can soon blossom with your influence to nourish our entire Global Family. We have termed this asset:

### ***“The Gandhi-King Global Peace Connection”***



Inspiring Presidents & Superintendent, within your ability, schools and students are the emphatic answers to our DREAM and needs. Will you unite with us to facilitate a phenomenal windfall of economic, societal and spiritual capital to our city & state? Considering that Year-2018 is the 70th & 50th memorial years in the murders of Gandhi & King (1948 & 1968) then it is an IDEAL year to join collaborative energies to celebrate their peace legacies.

**IMMENSE WINDFALL OF ECONOMIC CAPITAL:** Consider these seemingly disparate facts. 1) TOURISM: The World's Biggest Peace Industry, 2) Georgia, the **peach** state and 3) ATL: The World's Busiest Airport.

At present, the Tourism industry in Georgia has a total economic impact of **\$59 BILLION**. **QUANTIFY:** Estimate the future immense economic windfall to our city & state AFTER we are branded with the great virtue that Gandhi & King lived & died for -- as compared to the common fruit our state is now branded with, or the 'busy' verb our great airport is branded with? WITH your power & collaboration we can soon move into immediate development of these:

**ATL: The World's First Commercial Spaceport for Peace**  
and  
**GEORGIA: THE PEACE STATE**

**IMMENSE WINDFALL OF SOCIETAL & SPIRITUAL CAPITAL:** These TWO other aspects of capital hold MORE lasting value than the economic incentive, and fortunately there is a global movement developing to substantiate this fact. WITH your involvement, along with the nine (9) other key leaders receiving this timely invitation, Dr. King's birthplace can soon enough become a global poster-child and proof-of-concept for this vital realignment of priorities.

**WHY APPEAL TO YOU 10 LEADERS?** It primarily has to do with a great quote from Mahatma ('Great Soul') Gandhi. Dr. King is TOPS among millions who essentially proclaim: **"We ignore Gandhi at our own risk."** If he can recognize and revere Gandhi as the most accomplished peace-builder of the last 1000-year period of human history, then WE, plus his birth-city & birth-state, can reposition too, right? BEFORE we reference that GREAT quote by Gandhi, which gives great purpose to our appeal to you ten (10), let's first reconsider these **Dr. King Facts**.

- A) GREATEST peace-builder of the USA's entire 242-year history
- B) ONLY citizen who wasn't a US President to have Federal Holiday
- C) MORE than 1000 streets named after Dr. King in the United States
- D) WORLD'S most widely referenced & admired Nobel Peace Prize Laureate  
(note: Gandhi referenced ["The Missing Laureate"; murdered just prior to award](#))
- E) INVOKED by Pope Francis in historic first-ever speech to US Congress (Sept. '15)
- F) MOST globally-accomplished protégé of Gandhi: Man of the Millennium (Years 1000-2000)
- G) INSPIRATION behind Beijing Olympic Games (08/08/08) official-slogan "ONE WORLD ONE DREAM"
- H) PRIMARY reason Intl. Olympic Committee chose ATL for CENTENNIAL (100th) Olympic Games- 1996

**'TEACHER' IS A TOP PROFESSION:** The TOP three professions in the world are **Mother, Father, Teacher** and some of us have two of these positions covered. Since you 10 represent teachers in so many wonderful ways, and since Gandhi essentially tells us the future is with you/them, then it's imperative WE unite. Gandhi's mind:

***"If we are to teach real peace in the world...  
We must begin with the children."***

**EXAMINE DUAL MEANING:** Not only are we to fulfill our responsibility to 'teach real peace' but WHAT IF Gandhi is also telling us indirectly that WE need to be open enough to be taught & led by the youth??? Therefore, we want you, your 10 institutions, and especially your students (our future) to partner and become wholly integral in the transformation of Dr. King's birthplace. **REMEMBER & quantify this...** Our name, **Atlanta: City of Peace**, represents three entities. We want you to realize that you and your students would essentially be adopting and simultaneously scaling all three entities with us...

- A) the organization,
- B) the IDEAL city-brand, and
- C) a future global capital and beacon of peace!



**THE MANDATE FOR CONSTRUCTIVE URGENCY:** From 'Atlanta: City of Peace' and ALL three of its entities just listed, WE can unite to teach your children that development of constructive urgency is mostly a mandate rather than option. As our GREAT city assists (via inspiration) our state, nation AND our Global Family to 'adopt' this dynamic disposition for urgency, as defined by Dr. King, then the serious challenges which we collectively face (e.g., unilateralism, terrorism, nationalism, anti-immigration, fundamentalism, materialism, isolationism, plus harsh climate cycles, etc.) will be mitigated considerably! Year 2017 was the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's great speech: "**A TIME TO BREAK SILENCE**" and we appeal to you & your students to adopt Dr. King's great wisdom and disposition from 51 years ago, plus to assist us so that it may forever emanate from all 3 entities:

***"Let us love one another..."***

***This call for a worldwide fellowship that lifts neighborly concern beyond one's tribe, race, class, and nation is in reality a call for an all-embracing and unconditional love for all humankind... We are now faced with the fact, my friends, that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there is such a thing as being too late."***

**JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF OUR PROJECTS:** Regarding one of our large projects, we have a dream that you and your 9 other recipients will be on the stage, together as official trustees for Atlanta: City of Peace, at our inaugural New Year's Eve Concert at the end of this year. Please BOOK/RESERVE December 31st in support of our envisioned historic concert, and actually become THE REASON it succeeds. Details: The virtue of PEACE has particularly been made relevant by Gandhi & King and your/OUR concert on 12/31/18 will be a GREAT finale to the 70th & 50th memorial year of their deaths! The cause of PEACE is 'POPPING' worldwide (fyi: there are 1000+ peace organizations). YOUR new organization, that you and your students can become official co-founders of, can eventually grow to inspire many of these 1000 peace organizations, plus initiate the birth of many new ones!

**CONCERT DETAILS:** We herein formally invite & request that YOU, and the other 9 recipients assist us to 'book' (via officials with "**Georgia: The Peace State**") this global venue: **Centennial Olympic Park** (capacity **200,000+**) for Dec. 31st. We also ask that you offer strategies to 'book' **Quincy Jones** as an international concert producer (he created "**We Are the World**" in 1985). To handle local production details, we need your help to engage **Peter Conlon** who is President of Live Nation-Atlanta. Good news! Peter is already familiar with our concert dream. To handle all of the concert's legal details, we need your help to engage the esteemed **Joel Katz**, Greenberg Traurig's Chairman of the firm's Global Entertainment Practice, plus Billboard magazine's number-one entertainment attorney. Ten (10) Recipients, please facilitate CREATION of:

**[Atlanta's Inaugural "Peace-Pop" New Year's Eve Concert - Dec. 31, 2018](#)**

In the birth city & state of Dr. King where he authored "**I HAVE A DREAM**" we can dream big! On this future concert stage, will each of you RISE UP & STAND TOGETHER for our great city, state and future?

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**IMPOSSIBLE TO CALCULATE:** If you were asked how many hundreds of MILLIONS of people worldwide are inspired by the peace legacies of Gandhi & King it would be impossible to accurately estimate. Yes, our mission statement (which is open to restructuring, as is everything we represent) currently states:

**"GIFTING a Global Capital of Peace to our Global Family"**

Please know in advance that it is not so much that our organization, or our city is doing this. In brief summary, all that WE -- which can soon include all of you -- are doing is simply gathering, unity and coordinating the many hundreds of MILLIONS of people worldwide who are already inspired by the peace legacies of Gandhi & King, and we're engaging THEM to create the GIFT of a global capital of peace...

As you may know, our city has a number of Nobel Peace Prize Laureates who are official part-time residents who were inspired by our 'Native Born' Nobel Peace Prize Laureate: Dr. King. Here are a few...

**[President Carter, Nelson Mandela](#)**

**[President Obama, Bishop Desmond Tutu](#)**

**[Dr. Muhammad Yunus, His Holiness the Dalai Lama](#)**

His Holiness the Dalai Lama returns to "ATLANTA: CITY of PEACE" in a month or so. Who of you 10 recipients will boldly facilitate a meeting wherein WE together can invite this globally-respected Nobel Peace Prize Laureate to become an official co-founder for our huge DREAM? We LOVE his great quote about our city which was pronounced over a decade ago - in 2007 - when the Dalai Lama spoke in Centennial Olympic Park, our widely-respected global venue. Do you know what the Dalai Lama stated about our

GREAT city? He proclaimed...

***"Atlanta has a great significance..."***

***Visionaries such as Mahatma Gandhi and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. have shown us that successful changes can be brought about nonviolently. I believe that, at the basic human level, most of us wish to be peaceful."***

Another globally respected peace proponent is [John Hume, the 1998 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate](#) from Ireland. Year 2018 is the 20th anniversary of his award and considering he was GREATLY inspired by Dr. King's social-action example, we have contacted Dave Fitzgerald -- Chairman of the Atlanta St. Patrick's Day Parade -- and nominated Hume to be 2018 Parade Grand Marshall. However, since John Hume is ill, we have emphatically recommended Maurice Fitzpatrick (Director/Producer of Hume's documentary) [as Hume's BEST 2018 Parade Grand Marshall proxy](#). Join WITH us in hoping they are both selected. **"IN THE NAME OF PEACE"** is a GREAT FILM that showcases how Dr. King and his peace actions inspired John Hume's globally respected accomplishments. In communication with Mr. Fitzpatrick, we learned this fascinating fact: **"John Hume is the only person to have won the Nobel Prize for Peace, the Martin Luther King Peace Award (bestowed by Coretta Scott King) and the International Gandhi Peace Prize... MLK was right that Gandhi's leadership transformed not only India but the world."** These facts will be important to forever reiterate, especially during 2018. Mr. Fitzpatrick's GREAT film:

[www.IrishScreenAmerica.com/portfolio/in-the-name-of-peace/](http://www.IrishScreenAmerica.com/portfolio/in-the-name-of-peace/)

In closing, YOU are our ideal collaborators to accelerate success to our immense service DREAM. Through uniting creative energies we can soon transform HOW our Global Family is inspired by the town which birthed Dr. King, the most-accomplished peace-builder of the USA's 241-year history. With your direct influence and partnership, we can help our great city to accelerate its global transformation. Let's unite to propel Dr. King's wisdom worldwide. Vitality pertinent and immediately 'exportable' worldwide via ATL are these three quotes...

1. Dr. King: ***"Gandhi was inevitable. If humanity is to progress, Gandhi is inescapable. He lived, thought and acted, inspired by the vision of humanity evolving toward a world of peace and harmony. We may ignore Gandhi at our own risk."***

2. Dr. King: ***"Everyone can be great because everyone can serve!"***

3. Mahatma Gandhi:  
***"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."***

**FINAL APPEAL:** Please focus on our immense service possibilities and not our typical grassroots challenges that everyone faces. Be our HERO and help our grassroots dream to **"RISE"** so we may serve our Global Family better. Open your hearts & minds to the historic possibility of FOREVER being recognized and celebrated as key co-founders for KING's service dream which delivers our city's true destiny.

***May Atlanta rise up like the mythological Phoenix, its official seal.  
And may Atlanta: City of Peace propel a global shift to heal.***



To you, your institutions & students, to the future for 'Atlanta: City of Peace' and our Global Family's future... Respectfully,

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