



**United Nations Association in Canada  
Association canadienne pour les Nations Unies**



## ***The Pearson Peace Medal***

### **Call for Nominations - 2018**

Each year, the United Nations Association in Canada awards the Pearson Peace Medal to a Canadian who has made an outstanding contribution, either in a professional capacity or through volunteer work, to those causes for which Lester B. Pearson is remembered: aid to the developing world; mediation where conflicts arise; assistance to refugees and populations in need; equal rights and justice for all; peaceful change through international law and multilateralism.

The first recipient of the Pearson Peace Medal was Paul-Émile Cardinal Léger in 1979 who, after many years as Archbishop of Montréal, spent the latter part of his life working as a missionary in the most impoverished regions of Cameroon, particularly in leprosy communities. Other distinguished recipients include E.L.M. (Tommy) Burns, Lois Wilson, Murray Thomson, Flora MacDonald, Gerry Barr, Ursula Franklin, Stephen Lewis, Roméo D'Allaire, Ernie Regehr, Donald Ethell, Nigel Fisher, Louie Arbour and Lloyd Axworthy.

A jury of eminent Canadians reviews the nominations and selects the Laureate. The Pearson Peace Medal is normally presented by the Governor General of Canada at a private ceremony held around UN Day (October 24) or another significant United Nations Day.

Any Canadian may nominate a fellow citizen for this prestigious national award (self-nominations are not accepted). In order to reach its decision, the jury requires:

- A letter outlining the reasons for the nomination
- Two additional letters of support
- The nominee's curriculum vitae.

Nominations and attached information should be sent no later than April 27<sup>th</sup> 2018 to:

The Pearson Peace Medal Jury  
United Nations Association in Canada  
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