

Lady Ambassador Dr. Lenora Peterson-Maclin Selected for the Global Icon Award for 2026 by IAOTP

The International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) will honor Dr. Lenora Peterson-Maclin at their Annual Awards Gala in NYC at the Plaza Hotel

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, August 31, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Lady Ambassador [Dr. Lenora Peterson-Maclin](#), Ph.D., an internationally recognized humanitarian, human-rights advocate, author, minister, educator, and founder of Global International Alliance (GIA), was recently selected for the Global Icon Award for 2026 by the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) for her outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment to humanitarian service. Dr. Peterson-Maclin is celebrating 37 years of advocacy and service supporting human rights, humanitarian leadership, education, community empowerment, and global peace.

While inclusion with the International Association of Top Professionals is an honor in itself, the Global Icon Award is a distinguished accolade presented to individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, innovation, and leadership in their fields nationally and around the world. This prestigious award recognizes significant contributions to improving services and knowledge in their respective fields and advocating for changes that enhance the well-being of communities. Dr. Peterson-Maclin has shown a remarkable commitment to excellence and has made a lasting impact through her humanitarian service. She will receive this recognition at IAOTP's Annual [Awards Gala](#) in December at the iconic Plaza Hotel in New York.

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Her continued leadership has earned significant new recognition in 2026. In April, California Assemblymember Dr. Corey A. Jackson, representing the 60th Assembly District, presented a Certificate of Recognition to Lady Ambassador Dr. Lenora Peterson in celebration of 10 years of

service by Global International Alliance. The recognition commemorated GIA's anniversary celebration held on April 18, 2026.

Also on April 18, 2026, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors presented Ambassador Dr. Lenora Peterson-Maclin, Ph.D. with a Certificate of Recognition. The honor was presented by Fifth District Supervisor Dr. Yxstian Gutierrez in recognition of her leadership, service, and humanitarian contributions. Leaders of All Nations International (LOANI) also honored Dr. Peterson-Maclin with the Soaring Eagle Award, celebrating inspirational women whose leadership and service uplift communities around the world.



For nearly four decades, Dr. Peterson-Maclin has used her voice, faith, education, and leadership to advance the dignity and well-being of others. Her work has included advocacy for human rights, national and community service, humanitarian education, youth development, women's empowerment, veterans, chaplaincy, and international relationship-building. Since 2012, she has served in an ambassadorial role supporting national community service and the United States President's Volunteer Service initiative. Her international leadership has also included service connected with United Nations Women USA, the Commonwealth Entrepreneurs Club, the People's Choice Awards nonprofit organization, and humanitarian networks in the United States, the United Kingdom, Africa, and other regions.

Founded in 2016, Global International Alliance celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2026. GIA has grown into a humanitarian education and recognition program serving leaders and advocates in the United States and abroad. Through GIA Advocate University, the organization has offered honorary and professional recognition, humanitarian and advocacy certification, diplomatic leadership development, international chaplaincy training, and community-service initiatives. Its ceremonies and programs have brought together humanitarians, veterans, faith leaders, educators, public servants, entrepreneurs, artists, nonprofit leaders, and community advocates.

Dr. Peterson-Maclin earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Theology, with study through Luther Rice College & Seminary and The Sure Foundation Theological School, conferred on April 19, 2013. She completed Humanitarian Response to War and Disaster through HarvardX in January 2021. She later completed Harvard online studies in Strategy Execution for Public Leadership in September 2024 and Leadership: Foundational Principles in November 2024. In 2026, she also

completed coursework in artificial-intelligence prompting through the University of Georgia. Her professional preparation includes certifications in business consulting, human-rights consulting, humanitarian leadership, and international chaplaincy ministry.

Throughout her illustrious career, Dr. Peterson-Maclin has received numerous awards and accolades. IAOTP previously selected her as Top Global Ambassador and Humanitarian of the Year for 2023, presented her with the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2024, and honored her with the Presidential Award in 2025 at its annual awards gala at the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas.

Her additional honors include the 2022 Humanitarian Award, the 2022 Super Hero Award from the United Kingdom, the HERA Award, recognition as an adjudicator for International Women's Day, the 2021 Nelson Mandela Award and Humanitarian Medal, the Princess of Peace Award from LOANI and Future Leaders Entity, and the Leader of World Peace Award. She also received Special Congressional Recognition from the late Congressman John Lewis in 2017 for outstanding and invaluable service to the community and Outstanding Georgia Citizen recognition through the Office of the Georgia Secretary of State in 2016.

Her leadership in education, youth welfare, youth employment, and development was also recognized with the World Youth Summit Outstanding Leadership Award and Global Humanitarian Award. In 2024, Dr. Peterson-Maclin and the GIA program received certificates and honors from U.S. Representative Jay Obernolte, California State Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh, California Assemblymember Tom Lackey, and the Global Society for Female Entrepreneurs.

Stephanie Cirami, President of the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP), stated, "There was no question that we needed to have Ambassador Dr. Lenora Peterson-Maclin on our panel. We are honored to present her with the exclusive Global Icon Award this December during IAOTP's Annual Awards Gala."

Dr. Peterson-Maclin is also an accomplished author, publisher, and community builder. She authored *The Lady, the Level, the Loyalist*, released in 2020, and *You're Already Rich*, published in December 2024. She is the founder and managing editor of *Humanitarian*, a publication created to highlight service, leadership, and purpose-driven achievement.

In addition to her work as a Licensed International Chaplain Minister, she founded Vision in You Outreach Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. She has organized award ceremonies, humanitarian celebrations, educational programs, fundraisers, graduations, veterans' recognitions, women's leadership celebrations, Men of Excellence awards, and community-service honors across the United States and internationally. Through these initiatives, she has helped celebrate the accomplishments of hundreds of distinguished individuals while encouraging continued service to others.

As Dr. Peterson-Maclin enters her 37th year of supporting human rights, she remains committed to developing leaders, strengthening communities, honoring service, and creating international

opportunities for humanitarian collaboration. The 2026 recognitions from the California State Assembly, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, and Leaders of All Nations International affirm a legacy built through consistency, faith, compassion, and action, while celebrating the growth of Global International Alliance as it begins its next decade of service.

For more information on Dr. Lenora Peterson-Maclin, please visit: drlenorapeterson.com

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The International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) is an international boutique networking organization that selects the world's most distinguished and accomplished professionals across a wide range of industries. These elite professionals are provided opportunities to collaborate, share insights, serve as keynote speakers, and inspire others within their fields. Membership is not open to the general public. Candidates must be personally invited by the President or nominated by an esteemed honorary member following a brief interview.

IAOTP's experts have provided thousands of top-tier professionals worldwide with the recognition and credibility they deserve, helping them strengthen their personal brands and expand their influence. The organization prides itself on being a one-of-a-kind boutique network that handpicks only the most exceptional individuals and brings them together on a premier platform designed to foster meaningful connections and professional growth. IAOTP remains one of the most elite and highly respected professional recognition organizations in the world. For more information on IAOTP, please visit

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