



## Prairie Region Gathering

# REMEMBER ~ REFLECT ~ REVITALIZE

September 24 and 25, 2016

Winnipeg, Manitoba



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Ilana Landsberg-Lewis is the Executive Director of the Stephen Lewis Foundation, which she co-founded with her father Stephen Lewis in 2003.

Ilana has a long history of social justice activism. After an early career as a labour and human rights lawyer, Ilana worked at the United Nations as UNIFEM's Advisor to CEDAW working closely with grassroots women's groups around the world in defending human rights conventions and standards. She was also the co-founder of UN-GLOBE, a group fighting for the rights of all LGBT employees of the United Nations.

In 2006, Ilana knew that the SLF, and Canadians, needed to mount a collective and rapid response to the increasing role of African grandmothers in raising a generation of children orphaned by AIDS – and so began the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign. Today, the Campaign is an international movement of grandmothers in Canada and sub-Saharan Africa, brought together by their shared love of their grandchildren and a deep commitment to the grassroots expertise that places African grandmothers at the centre of the response to HIV and AIDS.

Ilana has received the YWCA Women of Distinction Award, and in 2012, was named one of the Top 26 Women of Influence in Canada.

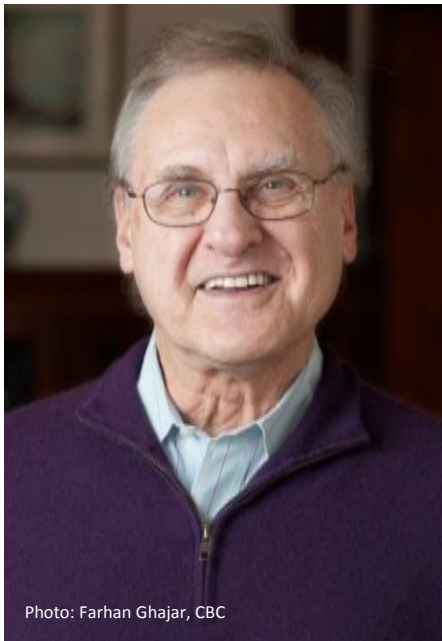


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Stephen Lewis is the co-founder and the board chair of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. He is a Professor of Distinction at Ryerson University in Toronto and a Professor of Practice in Global Governance at the Institute for the Study of International Development at McGill University. He is also the co-founder and co-director of the advocacy organization AIDS-Free World.

Mr. Lewis is a Senior Fellow of the Enough Project. He is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Clinton Health Access Initiative, and Emeritus Board Member of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative. He served as a Commissioner on the Global Commission on HIV & the Law and in 2015 was appointed to the Lancet Commission on Drug Policy and Health.

Stephen Lewis' work with the United Nations spanned more than two decades. He was the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa from June 2001 until the end of 2006. From 1995 to 1999, Mr. Lewis was Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF at the organization's global headquarters in New York. From 1984 through 1988, he was Canada's Ambassador to the United Nations. From 1970-1978, Mr. Lewis was leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party, during which time he became leader of the Official Opposition.

In 2003 Stephen Lewis was appointed a Companion of the Order of Canada, Canada's highest honour for lifetime achievement. In 2007, King Letsie III, monarch of the Kingdom of Lesotho, invested Mr. Lewis as Knight Commander of the Most Dignified Order of Moshoeshoe. The order is named for the founder of Lesotho; the knighthood is the country's highest honour. Mr. Lewis is the author of the best-selling book, *Race Against Time*. He holds 41 honorary doctorates from Canadian and US universities.

## Saturday, September 24, 2016

St. Andrew's Woodhaven Church Hall- 2700 Portage Avenue

10:00 – 12:00	Optional Guided or non-guided tour of the Canadian Museum of Human Rights
1:00 – 2:30 pm	Registration Opens Welcome Buffet Lunch  SLF South Africa & Zambia Trip presentation and Q & A with Bev Suek (MB) & Gail Greenberg (SK)
2:30 – 2:45 pm	Networking Break
2:45 – 5:00 pm	Themed Network Round Tables – 30 minute led discussions
5:30 pm	Marketplace and Reception
6:45 pm	Reception Closes
7:00 pm	An Evening with Stephen & Ilana Includes Q & A
9:00 pm	Evening Closes

## Sunday, September 25, 2016

St. James Assiniboia 55+ Centre – 203 Duffield Street

9:00 am	Welcome Listening to the voices of the African Grandmothers
10:15 am	Networking Break
10:30 am	SLF-led workshops: <b>1. Expressing Solidarity</b> This workshop asks us to explore the words and images we use as the SLF and as grandmothers groups to raise awareness in our communities. Rather than creating a list of “dos” and “don’ts”, we’ll commit to a process of learning and unlearning, questioning and checking in – all based on our shared values – that we can use to inform decisions about how we express our solidarity with African grandmothers. <b>2. Impact and Resilience</b> Resilience is the true measure of impact at the grassroots in Africa. This workshop explores community-based responses to the AIDS pandemic in Africa and the role of the SLF and more importantly, our African partners, in challenging and redefining measures of “success” at community-level, nationally and internationally. <b>3. Continuing the Conversation</b> In this workshop you will hear more from our special guests: the African grandmothers and project staff who are visiting in honour of the Campaign’s 10 Year Anniversary. This is a wonderful opportunity for deeper conversation, asking questions and sharing your group’s activities, successes and plans for the future!
11:30 am	Networking Break
11:45 am	SLF-led workshops: <b>1. Expressing Solidarity</b> <b>2. Impact and Resilience</b> <b>3. Continuing the Conversation</b>
12:45 to 2:00 pm	Lunch and Networking; Evaluation and Farewell