

AN INVITATION TO ATTEND

## 2017 PACEM IN TERRIS PEACE AND FREEDOM AWARD



Dr. Widad Akreyi is a health expert, author and human rights activist of Kurdish ancestry who cofounded the human rights organization, Defend International.

Born in Aqrah, Kurdistan region, Iraq, in 1969, she fled with her family to Mosul five years later to avoid the Iraq government's offensive against Kurds. Violations of human rights that occurred during that and other offensives are believed to have shaped her life. She is said to be the first young woman of Middle Eastern descent to engage in advocacy efforts related to illicit trade of small arms and light weapons, gender-based violence, disarmament and international security.

Dr. Akreyi has created partner agreements with like-minded, social justice organizations. She launched campaigns to defend the rights of writers, civil society activists, children, women's rights defenders, and prisoners on death row and on hunger strikes. She also has years of experience in intercultural communication and peace and international conventions. She is a recipient of the Fellowship of Reconciliation Peace Award and received a Special Prize from the National Organization for Future Generations for bridging the gap between cultures.



*Award Presented by Bishop Thomas Zinkula*

*Sunday, October 22, 2017*

*2:00 P.M.*

*St. Ambrose University*

*Christ the King Chapel*

*518 W. Locust Street, Davenport, Iowa*

***FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC***



**ONE AMONG US JUSTICE AWARD**

Additionally, Nora Dvorak will be honored with the ***One Among Us Justice Award*** for her many contributions to our community.

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