



The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lambeth Awards

2020 Lambeth Awards Citation

The Reverend Paul-Gordon Chandler – The Hubert Walter Award for Reconciliation and Interfaith Cooperation, 2020

For his distinct and exceptional contribution in the area of using the arts for interreligious peacebuilding around the world

The Reverend Canon Paul-Gordon Chandler has spent his life focusing strategically on the role of the arts in the context of interfaith peacebuilding, toward building bridges of understanding, respect and friendship between the Abrahamic faiths. He has led the way globally in the use of the arts for the purpose of building bridges between creeds and cultures. An Episcopal priest, author, interfaith advocate, art curator and an authority on Christian-Muslim relations, he has spent many years serving in the Middle East and North Africa and throughout the Islamic world. In Cairo, Egypt in 2009, while serving as the rector of St. John's Church, an international Anglican church (from 2003-2013), with exceptional vision he founded CARAVAN, a peacebuilding NGO/charity, that has become the global leader in using the arts for interfaith peacebuilding - from North Africa to Southeast Asia, organizing and curating 'artistic demonstrations of dialogue' that bring together those of different faiths toward offering a mode of reconciliation and a new vision and experience of coexistence. Through his innovative leadership, he has demonstrated that the arts can be one of the most effective mediums for interreligious peacebuilding. He has discovered how art, as a universal language, can dissolve the differences that divide people. CARAVAN's artistic initiatives each year tour the Middle East, Europe and North America, to heavily-trafficked sacred venues, such as National Cathedral in Washington D.C. and St. Paul's Cathedral in London, and also to reverential public sites such as Ground Zero in New York.

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The Hubert Walter Award for Reconciliation and Interfaith Cooperation recognises those who have made an outstanding contribution in the areas of reconciliation and interfaith cooperation.

It is awarded by Archbishop Justin Welby, and named after Hubert Walter, Archbishop of Canterbury from 1193 to 1205, who had dialogue with non-Christians at a time of interfaith conflict. He accompanied King Richard on the third crusade, was involved in negotiations with Saladin over access for Christian clergy to the Holy Places, and helped raise the ransom to get the king released from incarceration in Germany when he was captured on his return from the Holy Land.



Its design incorporates a scarab beetle, a motif favoured by Archbishop Walter, which some scholars believe may have denoted the resurrection.