Guide to the Bredesen, Harald: Collection

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Harald Bredesen (1918-2006) was a leader in the Charismatic Renewal of the 1960’s. A Lutheran pastor, he was baptized in the Spirit at a Pentecostal summer camp in 1946. Though he offered his resignation from the Lutheran pastorate, this was not accepted by the authorities; he took this to be God’s call to stay in his church. He was encouraged in this challenging position by David du Plessis and the Full Gospel Business Men’s Fellowship.

In 1957 he accepted a call to the Mount Vernon Dutch Reformed Church in New York City where he began a charismatic prayer meeting. Pat Boone, John Sherrill, Bob Slosser and Pat Robertson all speak of Harald Bredesen’s role in their Spirit baptism. When Jean Stone formed the Blessed Trinity Society in 1960 he became chairman of the board. He was a regular speaker at the Society’s “Christian Advance” events. With Jean Stone he coined the phrase “charismatic renewal” in 1963, a term they both preferred to “Neo-Pentecostalism.” In 1971 he accepted a call as pastor of Trinity Christian Center in Victoria, B.C.

In 1980 he retired to Escondido, California where he carried on his distinctive charismatic ministry through “Charisma Ministries,” and founded the Prince of Peace Foundation which awards those outstanding in their work for peace. The first prize went to Anwar el-Sadat in 1980, the second to Mother Teresa in 1990, the third to King Hussein of Jordan in 1999 and the last to Billy Graham in 2004.

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"Harald Bredesen: As seen through various accounts," Editor: Tim Gilbreath.

Let the Man...Who Touched Their Lives... Touch Yours, Editor: Tim Gilbreath, A booklet by Charisma Ministries.

Awakening at Yale, Harald Bredesen, A Christian Life booklet

I Presented Christ to Communists in Moscow!, Harald Bredesen, Testimony No.34 1971.

"Receiving the Holy Spirit," Harald Bredesen, Shiloh Christian Retreat.


The Solution to Crisis-America, Harald Bredesen, Pat Boone, George Otis, Dallas: Christ for the Nations.


Tenth anniversary of the installation of Rev. Bredesen, Church directory, First Reformed Church Mount Vernon, New York, 1968.


Photo of Bredesen, video promo.


Correspondence from CD, print outs from CD, 1985.


Tribute, 700 Club.


Vida Nueva booklet, Partner with Charisma Ministries in Tijuana orphanage, c.1995.

Prince of Peace Prize booklets, King Hussein, Mother Teresa, Billy Graham.

Award, Religious Heritage of America, 1999.

Award, Leather Folder, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Michael Scanlan, 1989.


Scope and Contents

Harald Bredesen (1918-2006) was a Lutheran pastor and a leader in the Charismatic Renewal of the 1960's. The collection includes books, articles, tapes, photos, news items, Prince of Peace Prize documents, awards and audio and video recordings.