

**COLLECTION 49: Harald Bredeesen Collection**

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## **Brief Description of the Collection**

The collection includes books, articles, tapes, photos, news items, Prince of Peace Prize documents, awards and audio and video recordings. Added materials include photos, collected publications and correspondence, including Harald Bredeesen's handwritten letters addressed to Gen.

**Size:** 4 boxes, 2 linear feet.

**Provenance:** The collection was given to the David du Plessis Archives by Mrs. Genevieve Bredeesen in 2008. Personal correspondence and documents were added in 2010.

**Restrictions:** Scholarly use with parameters of copyright law

**Processing:** Nancy Sanders Gower

## Biography

Harald Bredeesen (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 Bredeesen'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.

## Box Inventory

### Box 1

Folder	Item	Author/Note	Note/Date
1: Biographical	Harald Bredesen: As seen through various accounts	Editor: Tim Gilbreath	
1: Biographical	Let the Man... Who Touched Their Lives... Touch Yours	Editor: Tim Gilbreath	A booklet by Charisma Ministries
2: Writings	Awakening at Yale	Harald Bredesen	A Christian Life booklet
2: Writings	I Presented Christ to Communists in Moscow!	Harald Bredesen	Testimony No.34 1971
2: Writings	Receiving the Holy Spirit	Harald Bredesen	Shiloh Christian Retreat
2: Writings	Empowered by the Spirit	Harald Bredesen	Charisma Aug 1994
3: Writings	Yes Lord	Harald Bredesen with Pat King	Tulsa: Praise Books, 1982
3: Writings	Need a Miracle?	Harald Bredesen	Tulsa: Praise Books, 1979
3: Writings	The Solution to Crisis-America	Harald Bredesen, Pat Boone, George Otis	Dallas: Christ for the Nations
4: Writings	Letter from Charisma Ministries	Harald Bredesen	May 1979
5: Papers	Articles about Bredesen		1968-2001
6: Papers	Christian Advance & Full Gospel Business Mens' Fellowship	Announcements	1962, 1968
7: Papers	Tenth anniversary of the installation of Rev Bredesen, Church directory	First Reformed Church Mount Vernon, New York	1968
8: Papers	Interview with Harald Bredesen by Anthony Reynolds	for Sunday Magazine Vancouver Island BC	September 2004
9: Papers	Photo of Bredesen, video promo		
10: Papers	Clippings	print outs from CD	1963, 1964
11: Papers	Correspondence from CD	print outs from CD	1985
12: Papers	Tribute	Steven Lawson	Charisma Mar 2007
12: Papers	Tribute	700 Club	
13 & 14: Papers	Original newspaper clippings	Photocopies in folder 1	
15: Papers	Fishing Camp booklets	Course in evangelism	1992, 1996
15: Papers	Vida Nueva booklet	Partner with Charisma Ministries in Tijuana	c.1995

		orphanage	
16: Papers	Prince of Peace Prize booklets	King Hussein, Mother Teresa, Billy Graham	
17: Awards	Religious Heritage of America		1999
Awards Leather Folder	Franciscan University of Steubenville	Michael Scanlan	1989
Awards Plaque	Templo Evangelico Appreciation	Ramon Ramirez	1985
Awards Plaque	Faithwalk		1988

***Box 2: Media***

Folder	Item	Note	Date
1	Cassette tape: Birth of the Charismatic Renewal	Digitized file in Grace World Mission Collection folder	Bryan Marleaux
1	Audio tape & CD	Toolkit for Eternity	
1	DVD: Prince of Peace Prize	Billy Graham	2004
1	DVD: The Harald Bredesen Story	Gilbreath Productions	CBN Tribute 2007
1	CD: Letters 1985-1990	Harald Bredesen Archives	
1	CD: Photographs	Harald Bredesen Archives	
	VHS Video: Prince of Peace Prize	Mother Teresa	1990
	Video: How to Receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit	HB with Pat Robertson, Pat Boone, Dean Jones, Dale Evans-Rogers, Jack Hayford	1993
	VHS Video: Christian Film & TV Commission presents . . .	The 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Movieguide Awards	1998

***Box 3: Hand written and typed letters, photos, emails and faxes***

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