

HARALD BREDESEN COLLECTION  
1962-2007

FINDING AID

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## **Administrative Information**

**Title:**

Harald Bredesen Collection, 1962-2007

**Creator(s):**

Bredesen, Harald (1918-2006)

**Collection Identifier:**

CFT00049

**Extent:**

4 Boxes, 2 linear feet

**Repository:**

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**Acquisition Information:**

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## **Biographical History**

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

In 1957, Bredesen 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, Bredesen became Chairman of the Board. He was a regular speaker at the Society's "Christian Advance" events. In 1963, Jean Stone and he coined the phrase "charismatic renewal," a term they both preferred to "Neo-Pentecostalism." In 1971, he became the pastor of Trinity Christian Center in Victoria, B.C.

In 1980, Bredesen retired to Escondido, California where he continued his distinctive charismatic ministry through "Charisma Ministries," and founded the Prince of Peace Foundation. The Foundation awards individuals for outstanding peace efforts. 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.

## **Scope and Content**

The Harald Bredesen Collection, 1962-2007 includes books, articles, tapes, news items, Prince of Peace Prize documents, awards, and audio and video recordings. Added materials include photos, collected publications, and correspondence.

## **Subjects**

Boone, Pat  
Hayford, Jack W.  
Lutheran Church – Clergy  
Robertson, Pat

## Container List

### Box 1

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	Biographical – <i>Harald Bredesen: As Seen Through Various Accounts</i> , Editor: Tim Gilbreath	
1	Biographical – <i>Let the Man... Who Touched Their Lives... Touch Yours</i> , Editor: Tim Gilbreath, Charisma Ministries	booklet
2	Writings – <i>Awakening at Yale</i> , Harald Bredesen, Christian Life	booklet
2	Writings – <i>I Presented Christ to Communists in Moscow!</i> , Harald Bredesen, Testimony No. 34	1971
2	Writings – <i>Receiving the Holy Spirit</i> , Harald Bredesen, Shiloh Christian Retreat	
2	Writings – “Empowered by the Spirit”, Harald Bredesen, <i>Charisma</i>	August 1994
3	Writings – <i>Yes Lord</i> , Harald Bredesen with Pat King, Tulsa: Praise Books	1982
3	Writings – <i>Need a Miracle?</i> , Harald Bredesen, Tulsa: Praise Books	1979
3	Writings – <i>The Solution to Crisis-America</i> , 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	1963, 1964, Printouts from CD
11	Papers – Correspondence from CD	1985, Printouts from CD
12	Papers – Tribute, Steven Lawson, <i>Charisma</i>	March 2007
12	Papers – 700 Club Tribute	
13-14	Papers – Newspaper clippings	Copies in folder 1
15	Papers – Fishing Camp booklets, Course in evangelism	1992, 1996
15	Papers – <i>Partner with Charisma Ministries in Tijuana</i> , Vida Nueva booklet	c. 1995
16	Papers – <i>King Hussein, Mother Teresa, Billy Graham</i> , Prince of Peace Prize booklets	
17	Awards – Religious Heritage of America	1999

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	Awards Leather Folder – Franciscan University of Steubenville, Michael Scanlan	1989
	Awards Plaque – Templo Evangelico Appreciation, Ramon Ramirez	1985
	Awards Plaque – Faithwalk	1988

### Box 2

Folder	Item	Date/Note
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	2007, CBN Tribute
1	CD: Letters, 1985-1990	Harald Bredesen Archives
1	CD: Photographs	Harald Bredesen Archives
	VHS: Prince of Peace Prize, Mother Teresa	1990
	VHS: How to Receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, HB with Pat Robertson, Pat Boone, Dean Jones, Dale Evans-Rogers, Jack Hayford	1993
	VHS : Christian Film & TV Commission presents..., The 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Movieguide Awards	1998

### Box 3: Handwritten and typed letters, photos, emails, and faxes

### Box 4: Personal and family history documents, Bredesen writings, speaking engagements, collected articles and tracts, Bredesen newspaper clippings, cassette tapes of sermons