



C. Holland Taylor with former Indonesian President and Nahdlatul Ulama Chairman Abdurrahman Wahid in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. President Wahid wrote that “The Battle of Gettysburg teaches us how the decisive actions of a few brave men can change the future of humanity.”

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C. Holland Taylor (above, with President Wahid of Indonesia) “has engaged influential and genuinely reform-minded Muslims... to articulate and defend a progressive and tolerant understanding of Islam” (*Wall Street Journal*) and “runs the world’s most potent and innovative anti-extremist network” (*Washington Post* columnist Jennifer Rubin, writing in *Weekly Standard*). In 2015, *The New York Times* described a feature-length film Mr. Taylor directed as “a relentless, religious repudiation of the Islamic State and the opening salvo in a global campaign by the world’s largest Muslim group to challenge its ideology head-on.”

Mr. Taylor co-founded LibForAll in 2003 (Chairman & CEO), Bayt ar-Rahmah in 2014 (Deputy Chairman & COO), the Humanitarian Islam movement in 2017 and the Center for Shared Civilizational Values in 2021 (Deputy Chairman & CEO) with spiritual leaders of Nahdlatul Ulama (NU), including his close friends, former Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid (1940 – 2009); KH. A. Mustofa Bisri, former Chairman of the NU Supreme Council; and KH. Yahya Cholil Staquf, the NU’s current General Chairman. These closely affiliated organizations derive their inspiration from the heroic example of President Wahid’s 16th century Javanese ancestors, whose deft use of soft and hard power defeated Muslim extremists, and guaranteed freedom of religion for all Javanese, two centuries before the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom and the U.S. Constitution’s Bill of Rights.

Mr. Taylor also serves as Emissary to the United Nations, Americas, and Europe for Gerakan Pemuda Ansor, the 5-million-member young adults movement of NU, which itself has over 90 million followers and 21,000 *madrassahs*. In March of 2017, Gerakan Pemuda Ansor and Bayt ar-Rahmah launched the global Humanitarian Islam movement, which seeks to reform obsolete tenets of Islamic orthodoxy that enjoin religious hatred, supremacy and violence, by restoring *rahmah* (universal love and compassion) to its rightful place as the primary message of Islam.