

# **Friends of Lutheran World Relief Annual Luncheon – April 28 Avalon Banquets, Elk Grove Village**

**Chicagoland Friends of Lutheran World Relief (LWR)** invites all to celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon on Friday, April 28, 2017, at Avalon Banquets, 1905 E. Higgins Rd., Elk Grove Village, 847.439.5740 (handicap accessible with ample parking at the rear).

**Arrive at 11:00 a.m. to view a display of Quilts and Kits and purchase fair trade products. Lunch will be served at 12 noon.**



**Guest speaker: Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard (RT), President and CEO of Lutheran World Relief.** A descendant of a long line of Lutheran pastors, Ambassador Speckhard says his Lutheran upbringing instilled in him a strong core value of service to others, and a deep desire to contribute to alleviating poverty, suffering and injustice in the world.

Ambassador Speckhard's previous positions have included serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary General at NATO and Deputy Chief of Mission in Iraq. Immediately prior to joining LWR, he was a senior advisor to Palantir Technologies, a Silicon Valley company at the forefront of using technology to drive innovative change across the government, commercial and non-profit sectors.

A problem solver, a negotiator, a consensus builder and a visionary, Ambassador Speckhard brings to LWR deep experience working at the nexus of economic development, international security and political change, areas closely linked to LWR's mission to serve people experiencing poverty and marginalization overseas.

**Reservations at \$25 per person are due no later than April 18 (payable to Friends of Lutheran World Relief).** Include the name, address and name/city of congregation of each person attending. Mail to:

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Lutheran World Relief is a ministry of U.S. Lutherans that affirms God's love for all people and works to end poverty, injustice and human suffering around the world. For more information about Friends of LWR: <http://www.lwr.org/friends> or contact Elizabeth Gotsch, president, at 847-272-4116.