

## 2017 Twin Cities International Citizen Awards Gala and Honorees



The Twin Cities International Citizen Award Gala was held at the Minneapolis Club Thursday May 11, 2017 to an enthusiastic audience of family, friends, international guests and business associates. The participants celebrated honorees **Tisidra Jones, Jaylani Hussein and Fardosa Hassan, Rev. Billy G. Russell and Theresa Russell, Dr. Jean-Pierre K. Bongila, Suzanne Amanor-Wilks and Pacos Express, Incorporated.** The Gala highlighted individuals whose work has contributed significantly to international understanding, cooperation, friendship and development. The Gala also recognizes the

richness of the Twin Cities' international contributions, concern and commitments in a variety of arenas, including business and trade, research, human rights, agriculture, technology, arts, medicine, education, journalism, hospitality and humanitarian relief as represented through the efforts of the business community. Lastly, the event educates the public about the connections which exist between our local community and the world. All honorees represented these goals through their work and personal commitment to Minnesota and the international community.

2017 Honors presented by ILI President (ret.) Judge LaJune Lange were as follows: International Citizen Award recipients the Rev. Billy G. Russell and Theresa Russell; International Immigrant Achievement Awards recipient Suzanne Amanor-Wilks; International Educator Citizen Award Dr. Jean-Pierre K. Bongila; International Social Justice Citizen Award Jaylani Hussein and Fardosa Hassan; International Arts and Culture Citizen Award Tisidra Jones; and International Corporate Citizen Award Pacos Express, Inc.



