

**RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)**  
**invites you to attend its meeting, on Wednesday, August 1, 2012.**  
**First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Pl., Greenwich.**

**Dr. George Rupp**

## **The International Rescue Committee—Origins and Current Programs**



Formed at the suggestion of Albert Einstein in 1932, the International Rescue Committee brings refugees “from harm to home”. Today it is in over 40 countries providing relief to the most vulnerable populations. It is a global network of first responders, humanitarian relief workers, health care specialists, educators, community leaders and volunteers offering shelter, clean water, health care and education to millions whose lives have been disrupted by violence and oppression. It also engages in refugee resettlement and assistance programs throughout the United States. On the world stage, it is known as “one of the first to respond and one of the last to leave.”

Dr. Rupp has been the president of IRC since 2002. Before that he was President of Columbia University for nine years, during which he focused on enhancing undergraduate education, strengthening the relationship of the University with New York City, and on increasing the university’s international orientation. Prior to Columbia, he was president of Rice University for eight years.

Dr. Rupp received a B.A. from Princeton, a B.D. from Yale Divinity School (he is an ordained Presbyterian minister) and a Ph. D. from Harvard. Dr. Rupp has also served as the Lord O’Brian Professor of Divinity and the Dean of the Harvard Divinity School where, under his leadership, the curriculum of the school was revised to address more directly the pluralistic character of contemporary religious life. He is the author of numerous articles and five books, including *Globalization Challenged: Commitment, Conflict and Community*.

Dr. Rupp and his wife Nancy have two adult daughters, both anthropologists, and six grandchildren.

**RMA members and their guests should arrive by 9:45 AM for our full meeting. The general public should plan to arrive at 10:45 AM. Meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich. No Charge and No Reservations are required. Questions about any of the above, call Bernard Schneider, 203-698-2558; bgsesq@gmail.com.**