



Geoffrey Pearson's life has been centred in international service and a firm commitment to those values Canadians place at the core of our communal being. Long a respected member of Canada's diplomatic corps, with appointments in Paris, Mexico City and New Delhi, his final appointment was as Ambassador to the then USSR. After a short appointment as Special Representative of the Prime Minister for arms control, he left the diplomatic service in 1985 to found the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security, which he oversaw for six years.

Retirement has been a time of continuing service in support of a number of non-governmental organizations dedicated to the same values which underscored his professional life. Those have included the Canadian Human Rights Foundation and the International Centre for Human Rights & Democratic Development); Peacefund Canada and the Group of 78 and UNA-Canada. He has maintained an active interest in the life of the Pearson College of the Pacific and has written about his father (Lester B. Pearson) and his father's legacy with clarity and pride. He has always taken pleasure in mentoring young Canadians who wish to understand and follow in similar footsteps of service.