

WORLD CITIZEN



FALL NEWSLETTER

2019

Empower communities to educate for a just and peaceful world



FIVE PEACE ACTIONS

SEEK peace within yourself and others

REACH OUT in service

PROTECT the environment

RESPECT diversity

BE a responsible citizen of the world

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greetings World Citizen Friends!

As Executive Director of World Citizen, I often reflect on why our Board members, staff, and YOU, our donors stay committed to the work of World Citizen. I know that there are as many reasons to this passion and commitment as there are individuals who serve, donate, and participate. I believe that the one common denominator that we all share is the desire to empower communities to educate for a just and peaceful world by actively engaging in our Five

Peace Actions. Implementing our mission through our Five Peace Actions are the key to achieving the ability to live, work, and play together respectfully.

Identifying that each of our board members and staff have “**A Story to Tell**”, I will be featuring their stories in our publications over the next year. This will also provide you with a snapshot view into the passion of our Board and staff as individuals!

Thank you for continuing your commitment to the work of World Citizen. Your financial support DOES make a difference



Kathy Millington, Executive Director

MY STORY

"My commitment to peaceful problem solving became a priority when I was an Elementary Principal. I was able to see on a daily basis the positive impact peaceful problem solving made within a classroom as well as an entire school community. When substitute teachers would share with me, the administrator, that they only wanted to accept substitute teaching assignments at my school because of the peaceful and respectful climate, I knew we were doing something right! This became a testimony to the hard work of students, staff, and parents who participated in fostering this climate."

A PEACE CONCERT

Friday Sept. 20th

Holly Circle & Jimmy Steffen

Special Guest: Shawn Hockett

Unity South Church

7950 First Ave S Bloomington, MN 55420

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Doors open 6:30 p.m. Concert 7:00 p.m.



**Holly Circle (Board Member)
with Jimmy Steffen
& Shawn Hockett**

PEACE SITE NEWS

We have recently added several World Citizen Peace Sites nationally and internationally. On August 22, 2019 the Alphabet Forest on the grounds of the Minnesota State Fair became a World Citizen Peace Site! On their 10 year anniversary of creating a literary experience for all to SEE, HEAR, FEEL, and EAT "words" within the chaos of the Minnesota State Fair, World Citizen congratulates and recognizes Debra Fraiser for her commitment to literacy, peace, and justice! As more and more homes and communities of business, education, and faith declare themselves Peace Sites, we see opportunities for sharing information of how you can promote peace through the Five Peace Actions.

It is our hope that we can share information of your activities as we become Partners in Peace! Please share your stories and pictures through our website at www.peacesites.org, contact us button, or by posting your ideas on our Facebook page.

International Day of Peace is on September 21! It is an opportunity to declare your home, school, community as a Peace Site. Here are some ideas for you:

- Create a kick-off event to declare your organization a World Citizen Peace Site. This can be a simple gathering or something more elaborate. This is your public declaration that YOU are a Peace Site.
- Have your site commit to regular meetings to monitor the progress of your action plan. Have a plan for an annual renewal to stay focused on the Five Peace Actions, and your sites' commitment to them. Refer to the website for new ideas, share your ideas on Facebook or contact us at www.peacesites.org
- Celebrate and publicize accomplishments and achievements and make a plan for the next goals. Have an annual celebration! Plant a tree, create a mural, frame a poster, design a flag, host a Peace Walk, write a song! Embrace your sites' creativity. (Some Peace Sites refer to this as their Rededication.)
- Encourage representatives from your site to attend World Citizen Peace Education. This is professional development and an opportunity to network with Peace minded individuals as well as other Peace Sites.
- Share your plans, goals, ideas, and action plans. This helps inspire others working towards the same goals and encourages others to become a Peace Site.
- Your collaboration and sharing helps others define their site as peace communities!



The Alphabet Forest

Minnesota State Fair 2019

PEACE EDUCATION 2019/20 "IDENTITY"

Our **October 22** Peace Education session will focus on **Human Centered Design** with Ramon A. Pastrano IV, and **Human Trafficking** presented by Tamara Stark, Tubman Group



Dr. Pastrano is an architect of system change and human transformation. He founded Impact Lives in 2007 as a center for cultural competence, and as laboratory social responsibility and innovation. Through awareness based leadership and critical thinking, his model is designed to assist individuals and organizations in developing new frameworks from where to solve their most challenging problems. By critically reflecting on the social-cultural and geopolitical structures as a whole, his model helps to provide a better understanding of complex systems.

Tamara Stark leads development, research, and implementation of effective, entrepreneurial, and innovative programs in partnership with local and national initiatives to improve the lives of youth and families. She oversees curriculum development and prevention, intervention, outreach, and youth leadership programs in residential, school, and community settings. She works to build inclusive and responsive systems of care with diverse communities by participating in cross disciplinary efforts focused on positive youth and family development, violence prevention, and ending homelessness. She serves on various local boards and also represents Tubman on the governing boards for the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women and the Minnesota Women's Consortium to enhance research, policy, and practice connections. She has participated in local and national peer leadership collaborations to improve regional program quality, equity, and resource development with and for underserved youth and families.

Register today at [www.peacesites.org/peace education](http://www.peacesites.org/peace%20education) or contact lonnie.strand@peacesites.org

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