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Dear Friends,

After 12 years as NAPF's Program Director and Deputy Director, I am thrilled to become the newly-appointed President and CEO of NAPF. It means the world to me to have the confidence of the Board of Directors, our dedicated donors from around the world, and our 80,000-plus members to lead this great organization into a new decade.

This month, we launched a new vision and mission to achieve the change we want to see in the world. NAPF was founded in 1982 with the purpose of “conducting a continuing inquiry... [into] requirements for peace in the nuclear age.” Much has changed in these past 38 years, and the pace of technological and social change in the third decade of this new millennium is astounding.

In order to achieve a world in which nuclear weapons can be abolished and stay abolished, we must act to heal the root causes that have led humans to create the means for our own annihilation. Peace Literacy is doing just that by providing tailored curricula from pre-school to adult education, and every level in between.

Click these links to read more about [NAPF's new vision and mission](#), and about our [leadership transition](#).

Sincerely,
Rick Wayman



Our Mission

We educate and train people of all ages and backgrounds to solve the most dangerous technological, social, and psychological issues of our time, and to survive and thrive in the 21st century.

Our Vision

A world in which people are as well-trained in waging peace as soldiers currently are in waging war.

A world in which peace is realistic, resilient, and sustainable.

A world in which nuclear weapons can be abolished and stay abolished.

Peace Literacy

In 2019, NAPF Peace Literacy Director Paul K. Chappell focused on education for building strong communities, healing trauma, and navigating technology. He spoke at over 57 events reaching more than 4,800 people, including over 500 teachers, 500 school counselors, as well as prison reformers, teenage nuclear abolition and human rights activists, college students, university professors and staff, veterans, and community leaders in twelve states and four Canadian provinces. He also oversaw the implementation of Peace Literacy skills in pilot projects for more than 1,000 high school students and facilitated 21 workshops.

In 2020 Peace Literacy is scheduled to increase its visibility with new organizations and to reach deeper levels with long-time supporters. We expect that 2020 will be a year of breakthroughs and surprises. This year we are already scheduled to reach educators at all levels: special ed, early childhood education, middle school teachers, high school and college educators, and those always important community leaders who, as role models, teach every day.

[Read more](#) about what we accomplished in 2019, and some of the important projects we are taking on in 2020.

Deeper Dive

For those of you who are interested in going into more depth on some of the issues we're working on, here is a short list of recommended reading:

- [Digital Disinformation Is Destroying Society but We Can Fight Back](#) - *The Economist*
- [This Winter in Nuclear Threat History](#) by Jeffrey W. Mason - *wagingpeace.org*
- [2020 Doomsday Clock Announcement](#) (live on January 23 at 10:00 am Eastern) - *The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*
- [A New Peace Paradigm: Our Human Needs and the Tangles of Trauma](#) by Paul K. Chappell - *peaceliteracy.org*

Quotes

"Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men."

-- **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** This quote appears in the book *Speaking of Peace: Quotations to Inspire Action*, available for purchase in the [NAPF Peace Store](#).

"Given that nuclear war is still a possibility, given the climate crisis is coming, given unbridled technology is here, Chappell's compelling and urgent philosophy of Peace Literacy offers a

curriculum, a vocabulary, and a universal skill set for survival so we can live in the world together."

-- **Caren Stelson**, award-winning author of *Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story*.
[Read more](#) about Caren's experience with Peace Literacy.

"Our only hope lies in the power of our love, generosity, tolerance and understanding and our commitment to making the world a better place for all of Allah's children."

-- **Muhammad Ali**, in a [letter that he sent to NAPF](#) in 2000.

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