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Dear Friends,

We have been hard at work this year moving our ambitious mission forward. Peace Literacy requires the expertise and dedication of many people to make an impact – I hope you'll take a minute to meet our [staff](#) and Peace Literacy [curriculum development team](#) who are leaders in this exciting initiative.

Already in 2020 we have published three new [curriculum modules](#) on “The Constellation of Peace.” This unit leads students into a deeper and more practical understanding of peace that helps them to navigate the storms of life, the uncharted waters of new technologies, and the turbulence of our national and global challenges. It has been designed for middle school but can be modified to suit older students and adults.

The *Santa Barbara News-Press* recently published a [front-page feature](#) on the leadership transition at NAPF and the evolution of our work to address the root causes of many of our world's most dangerous problems.

Thank you all for your support along the path to peace!

Sincerely,
Rick Wayman
CEO, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation



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

Media: Our Peace Literacy Director, Paul K. Chappell, was the guest on last week's [Nonviolence Radio podcast](#). While noting how some advances in technology seem to be eroding our communities and dissolving the trust we need to live well together, Paul insists that we can learn — much like how we learn algebra or basketball — to realize our fundamental human potential to build a peaceful world.

Assessment: In Fall 2019, hundreds of ninth-graders in the Corvallis (Oregon) School District received 3.5 hours of Peace Literacy lessons relating to aggression as part of their "Freshman Success" class. Under the leadership of Dr. Sharyn Clough of Oregon State University, we collected pre- and post-assessments of students' understanding of aggression and how to respond to it. [The data show](#) that even this brief intervention with students had a significant impact on their competencies.

Workshops: We have Peace Literacy lectures and workshops open to the public coming up in [Irvine, California](#) (March); [Urbana, Ohio](#) (April); [Virginia Beach, Virginia](#) (April); and [Ocala, Florida](#) (August). Please join us!

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:

- [Behind the Bombs: Exposing Our University's Relationship with Nuclear Weapons](#) by NAPF intern Carley Weiler - *The UCSB Daily Nexus*
- [The World of Electric Light: Understanding the Seductive Glow of Screens](#) by Paul K. Chappell - *peaceliteracy.org*
- [This Is How You Change the World](#) - video by the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons
- [The Beginning of the End of Nuclear Weapons](#) - a documentary by Alvaro Orus (12-minute version)

Quotes

"When you can make people believe absurdities, you can make them commit atrocities."
-- **Voltaire**. This quote appears in the book *Speaking of Peace: Quotations to Inspire Action*, available for purchase in the [NAPF Peace Store](#).

"Within a few decades, the relation between the environment, resources and conflict may seem almost as obvious as the connection we see today between human rights, democracy and peace."

-- **Wangari Maathai**, renowned Kenyan activist and 2004 Nobel Peace Laureate. Share this quote from NAPF Peace Literacy Director Paul K. Chappell's [Facebook author page](#).

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