



Empower communities to educate for a just and peaceful world.

Five Peace Actions Define World Citizen

SEEK peace within yourself and others

REACH OUT in service

PROTECT the environment

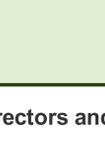
RESPECT diversity

BE a responsible citizen of the world

Donate

World Citizen was founded by Lynn Elling in 1972 in response to witnessing war and destruction while serving in WWII as a naval officer. Lynn passed away February 14, 2016, at the age of 94, but his mission for our organization is still as strong as ever, carried out by hundreds of people who support our cause. The mission of World Citizen World Citizen is to Empower communities to educate for a just and peaceful world. We are a private, non-profit organization that focuses its activities on all ages all over the world.

A Message From Our Executive Director



Greetings World Citizen Friends, This has been quite a year for everyone! We have needed to show the following: patience, empathy, compassion, love, honesty, courage, kindness, and care for health, just to mention a few things! Our hope is you have stayed well and safe.

The journey to peace takes action and persistence. Living the World Citizen Five Peace Actions can help us stay on track with others and ourselves. World Citizen's two programs, Peace Education and Peace Sites, continued to stay relevant this past year. World Citizen is staying the course for 2020-21! New opportunities will be shared with you on our website and social media.

In a final message from Rep. John Lewis, "So I say to you, walk with the wind, brothers and sisters, and let the spirit of peace and the power of everlasting love be your guide." This is our directive to continue the journey to peace. We can do this guided by the World Citizen mission, "Empower communities to educate for a just and peaceful world." How? Embrace and live the World Citizen Five Peace Actions!

Join us as we boldly move forward. Thank you for your continued support and commitment.

Peace Will Prevail,
Kathy Millington, Executive Director

World Citizen Board of Directors and Staff

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Administrative Assistant Jill Mason

Peace Education Coordinator Lonnie Strand

Newsletter Editor and Website Consultant Lonnie Strand

Several Board Members and staff will be leaving the board this year. We are appreciative of their service and commitment to World Citizen. Marta Goldenman served on the board for a number of years. She held the office of President for a year, represented World Citizen at several conferences and other marketing opportunities, and attended a number of Peace Education sessions. We will miss her many contributions to our work.

Lisa Krupp has been a board member for several years, has attended several conferences to represent World Citizen, promoted World Citizen at the National level of the American Montessori Society, and has promoted Peace Sites in schools and worked with the Rotary in the Bahamas. Lisa is leaving the board to assume a new World Citizen position of Peace Coordinator. She will be working with both programs to coordinate the message and efforts of both initiatives.

Gwen Harris spent only a year with the board, however her presence was always felt through her generous and insightful contributions. We will miss Gwen but understand her commitment to her teaching job which is a priority as it takes on many changes for the future.

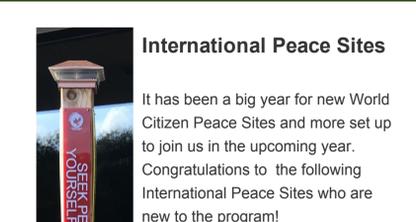
Lonnie Strand will be leaving the Peace Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, and Website Consultant positions. She was able to meet many needs for World Citizen. Her leaving is a loss to the many ways she enhanced the work and message of World Citizen. Thank you Lonnie We wish these board members and staff the best for the future and thank them for the work they did for World Citizen.

There will be several board members and staff added throughout this next year. Please visit our website for updates and introductions. We will also keep you informed through our electronic mailing, EMMA.

AMERICAN MONTESSORI SOCIETY CONFERENCE 2019-20

World Citizen had the opportunity to attend the American Montessori Society Conference in Washington D.C. March 20-24, 2019. Marta Goldenman, Past President; Lisa Krupp, President Elect; Karen Johnson, Board Director; and, Kathy Millington, Executive Director were able to attend and represent World Citizen.

March 2020 was the anticipated American Montessori Society Conference to be held in Dallas, Texas. Lisa Krupp, Presiding President; Cathy Manning, Treasurer; and Gwen Harris, Board Director were scheduled to attend. However, due to the Covid-19 the entire conference was cancelled. We look forward to engage in future virtual opportunities with the American Montessori Society.



Peace Education

This was a different year for Peace Education. First and foremost, Lonnie Strand, Peace Education Coordinator has resigned from this position with World Citizen. She was a very valuable staff member who had given a great deal to not only the Peace Education program but to marketing the mission of World Citizen and the Five Peace Actions. We are very grateful for the work she did for World Citizen. She will be greatly missed. Thank you, Lonnie for your outstanding service.

There were two Peace Education sessions planned for the year addressing topics of high interest. A January 28th session featured Erin Walsh addressing the topic of, "Stress and the Brain: Nurturing self-esteem and resilience in children and youth." The second session scheduled for April was cancelled due to Covid-19. Obviously, things will look different next year as well. However, we will continue to address your needs in order to empower you to educate your community for peace. You will be informed of the virtual opportunities for this next year via our website, email communications, and Facebook and Instagram postings. Please visit our website frequently for updates.

A World Citizen scholarship opportunity has been made available for the past several years. Blue Sky Online School, West St. Paul, MN has been the first request submitted to World Citizen for consideration. This school was granted financial assistance to support a program designed specifically for their school. The prerequisite for consideration is the request must align with the mission of World Citizen and the Five Peace Actions. Congratulations Blue Sky Online School for pursuing this opportunity. We are proud to support your work for peace in your community. We look forward to hearing about your success.

International Peace Sites



It has been a big year for new World Citizen Peace Sites and more set up to join us in the upcoming year. Congratulations to the following International Peace Sites who are new to the program!

- MTS Elementary in Minneapolis, MN
- Salida Montessori Charter School in Salida, CO
- Wood Violet Montessori in Appleton, WI
- Montessori International College in Australia
- The Alphabet Forest/MN State Fair site in Ashville, NC
- Bowman School in Palo Alto, CA
- Montessori School of Durham in Durham, NC
- Montessori School of Huntsville in Huntsville, AL
- Homestead School in Glen Spey, NY
- Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Northfield in Northfield, MN
- Meyer Montessori in Tempe, AZ
- St. Joseph Montessori School in Columbus, OH
- Arbor Montessori School in Decatur, GA
- Iglesia Luterana Agustina De Guatemala in Guatemala City, Guatemala
- South Eleuthera Emergency Partners has sponsored schools in Eleuthera, Bahamas
- Krupp Family Home in Crystal Lake, IL

There are other World Citizen Peace Sites who held a re-dedication this year to renew their commitment to the Five Peace Actions. Congratulations to all of you as well. Your ongoing work is crucial to a Just and Peaceful World.

Interested in Becoming an International Peace Site?

An International Peace Sites can be a city, school, place of worship, business, park, home, or exhibit where people want to dedicate themselves to becoming a peaceful community.

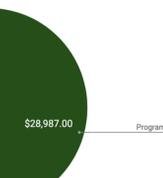
Anyone connected to a Peace Site is committed to the Five Peace Actions:

- Seek peace within yourself and others
- Reach out in service
- Protect the Environment
- Respect Diversity
- Be a responsible citizen of the world

For further inquiries about becoming a Peace Site or keeping your current Peace Site active please visit: www.peacesites.org.

Peace Concert

Holly Circle-Steffen, World Citizen Board Director and her husband Jimmy Steffen had planned another Peace



Concert to be held in Northfield, MN in May of 2020. However, to everyone's disappointment it needed to be postponed due to Covid-19. This concert opportunity will either be rescheduled or presented in another format when it is safe for us to be together again. We thank Holly and Jimmy for this exceptional and beautiful way to highlight the World Citizen Five Peace Actions.

Financial Report

World Citizen continues to be very grateful to the many donors who keep our work alive and active. The response to the annual appeal, Give MN, and Thrivent Financial opportunities, online donations, and newsletter contributions are all significant in keeping our plan of action moving forward. We encourage donors to consider World Citizen as a legacy and/or endowment possibility. Please contact us if you wish to pursue this generous way of donating to World Citizen.

You are a tremendous help to World Citizen when you share information about our programs and work with connections you might encounter. We encourage sponsorships, scholarship opportunities, and the possibility of a matching gift from an employer. Please help us pursue these possibilities. Continue visiting the World Citizen website at www.peacesites.org, our Facebook and Instagram postings to stay updated with events, dates, opportunities, and new ways to support the work of World Citizen.

We appreciate all you do to help us Empower Communities to Educate for a Just and Peaceful World.



We're Protecting the Environment

World Citizen is **Going Green!** Our Newsletters and Reports will now be sent electronically. Help us **Go Green** and click the donate button!

Thank you!

Stay Connected!
Donating to World Citizen is Easy with Options that Fit Individual Needs. Your gift to World Citizen helps fund our ongoing programs of Peace Education and International Peace Sites, which make a lasting difference in our communities. We encourage donors to consider World Citizen as a legacy and/or endowment possibility. Please contact us if you wish to pursue this generous way of donating to World Citizen.

There are several giving opportunities available, including:

- *Mail in cash or check to World Citizen at P.O. Box 9296, St. Paul, MN 55109
- *Donate online at www.peacesites.org/donate
- *Consider the following options to direct dollars to World Citizen at no additional cost to you:

- Thrivent Choice Dollars
- AmazonSmile
- Employee Matching Gifts

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Thank you for your continued support!

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