

A Quaker Lesson on Witnessing for Peace



Peace Notes

to President Donald Trump and Supreme Leader Kim Jong-un of North Korea

Writing simple Peace Notes to President Donald Trump and Supreme Leader Kim Jong-un

- is a basic witness for Peace and witness to our shared humanity.
- models one way to take an active role in world events!
- operationalizes our belief that there is that of God in everyone.
- expands our children's perimeter of kindness by thinking about the whole world.

Our children have wisdom and truth to share about getting along and about their hopes for our shared world.

Supplies:

Two 6" x 9" envelopes.

Copies of Bilingual Peace Notes on 20lb paper, cut into 5 ½" x 8 ½" pieces. (See below)

1. **Read** a story like *Peace Begins with You* by Katherine Scholes or *The War* by Anais Vaugelade
2. **Share**, in age-appropriate ways, about these two world leaders who have been trading angry, mean-spirited words. Children don't need scary details about war. Find North Korea on a map. Explore the children's experiences of times when friends or parents or teachers helped calm them down in angry moments. Do they have some techniques or practices they can share?
3. **Imagine** a Peaceful World. What would you notice? What would you hear? What would you feel? Does some of this Peaceful World exist already? How could we help build more?
4. **Reflect** on the power of imagination. Before something new exists, is there an imagining of it? What happens when we share the idea we imagined? Does that make it more likely it will take shape?



5. **Explore** the Peace Notes. Admire the Korean characters. Why is it important to send a Peace Note in the language of the recipient? Think of other conflict resolution situations and share other ways we might help our message to be received and understood.
6. **Select** one note, per child, for each leader. Decorate with respectful pictures, maybe from the Peaceful World you imagined, and sign.

The Bilingual Peace Notes come with three possible messages:

We work for peace Let's build a peaceful world Peace is good for everyone

7. **Mail** one set of Peace Notes to each leader:

President Donald Trump
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington DC 20500

Kim Jong-un
Supreme Leader of the Democratic People's
Republic of Korea (DPRK)
Ryongsong District
Pyongyang
North Korea

As a cost estimate, ten Peace Notes plus envelope should cost about \$1.98 to mail to North Korea. One First Class stamp would be enough in the US.
(It will be important that the envelope is uniform in thickness throughout.)

8. **Share** the story of your Peace Notes through social media or your local paper. Pictures of children writing the Peace Notes will make for an engaging story. You will need to have photo releases from parents for any pictures showing the children's faces. A blank photo release for your use is included below.
9. **Invite** others to imagine Peace and send Peace Notes. Our Friends at Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) are showing us the way! Here is a link to a joint letter from faith leaders to Congress,
<https://www.fcni.org/updates/letter-from-u-s-faith-communities-on-reducing-tensions-with-north-korea-1109>
Please consider sending Peace Notes also to your Senators and Congressional Representatives, too. Find their names and address through, www.fcni.org/congress
Simply type in your zip code in the search bar.

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From:

Permission for Photo Release

I, _____, give permission to _____,
Parent/Guardian Meeting/School

to include a picture of my child, _____, in the
Child's name

Peace Notes Project sharing and publicity.

Return to:

Teacher's Name & Address:

Or, scan, sign, and return via email to _____.
Teacher's email

Parent or Guardian's signature

Date