We (Julie Lillie & Dr. Carey Seeley) are so excited to have fellow peacemakers, community members and leaders join us in our quest to share peace education around the world! We know the power of storytelling, so we thought we’d start with the little tale of how we entered into this deep work as peace educators!

Our idea for a peace education book and framework started organically as Carey, a principal, former teacher and literacy coach, and curriculum director led her school in becoming an International Peace Site. As a peace site, an organization, school, home, or community makes the decision to live out the following Five Peace Actions.

Carey's school leadership team looked for lessons and resources to help them implement this vision. They wanted something relevant, robust and literacy focused that they could use throughout the school year. Carey reached out to Julie because of her passion for social justice and expertise in integrating social emotional learning and literacy as well as coaching educators. As we researched and evaluated options, it became clear that there are not many options available for engaging, comprehensive and current elementary resources in the field of peace education.

The peace actions inspire us and encompass our personal hopes for living in harmony within ourselves and the world, as well as align to our goals of evolving education. We decided that we would create a book that would fill an essential void in the peace education and literacy world. We are writing this book and resources for anyone who is interested in learning about peace education and in implementing practices with primary and elementary learners (ages and/or developmental levels).

We hope that our work will inspire you to bring peace education practices into your spaces and to create environments focused on the five peace actions!

The Five Peace Actions were created by World Citizen Peace, who empower us to create a just and peaceful world. Consider joining us as Peace Ambassadors, as an International Peace Site and/or committing to living in alignment with these peace actions.

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