

Representative to Friends Peace Teams Report to Annual Session 2019

CREATING CULTURES OF PEACE

Nadine Hoover has developed a program to help people bring peace, child development, sustainable work, and community decision making into violent, struggling, poor communities. The program is called Creating Cultures of Peace.

Friends Peace Teams in Asia West Pacific plans to pay three people, one in Indonesia, one in the Philippines and one in Nepal to pilot test Creating Cultures of Peace. They will do this online. They will train facilitators using software Learndash. Each will translate it into their own language. Then in 2020 anyone who has taken the training and who wants to become a facilitator can gather a small group of 3-6 people locally and sign up for the online facilitators' training, thus training more people. We have some money to do this, but we need more. By contributing, hopefully you will be spreading peace and well being.

In Indonesia, the training will go to inter-religious groups of young adults, citizen leaders, teachers and parents of young children (some normal and some deaf). In Nepal, the training will be offered to the National Land Rights Forum, DSRC and citizen leaders. In the Philippines, the training will be offered to Catholic Student Action, a Catholic Worker movement and to environmental and human rights activists and citizen leaders. In addition, in Aotearoa/New Zealand it will be offered to Moari-speakers and students of varied backgrounds. These trainers will join Nadine Hoover in developing online training for facilitators, which, in combination with regular personal and local practice will hone their skills as they develop local training teams.

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