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Eric Sirotkin delivers a message of peace to the DPRK President of the Presidium of the People's Supreme Assembly Kim Yong Nam in Pyongyang.

Author and photographer, Eric Sirotkin, Executive Director of the Ubuntuworks Peace Education Project has been active in peacemaking projects for over 30 years. He worked extensively in South Africa, including leading and International Monitoring Project of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. As an international human rights lawyer and lecturer he has worked around the world to help move us from "the age of separation to a new era of ubuntu - recognizing our common humanity and building peace." His work in Korea began in 2003 and he has travelled to both North and South Korea several times.



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Forgotten Faces of North Korea (DPRK) serves as a reminder. A nation is not simply its weapons or its marching soldiers, but is filled with men, women and children seeking to better themselves, to love, and find joy in their daily activities. When a nation is demonized by the politicians and the media, the unspeakable horrors of war become possible. This book reminds us of the human faces that can get lost behind the rhetoric of decades of war drums and human tragedy.

I do not intend to demonstrate support for one side or another, but to be a voice for peace and dialogue. Some may say that I have not portrayed a “balanced” portrayal by not revealing the painful side of the nation’s underbelly and perpetual military defense activities. There are enough of those images and projections in the media about the DPRK. However, it is never simply black and white. The current standoff and its impact on all parties, is a product of the conduct of the United States, and both Koreas, who have lived on the brink of war for nearly sixty years without a peace treaty. and still fan the flames of the cold war. President Obama said “If we fail to seek peace, it stays forever beyond our grasp.” For far too long the “forgotten war” in Korea has been the “forgotten peace.”

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A civilized nation can have no enemies, and one cannot draw a line across a map, a line that doesn't even exist in nature and say that the ugly enemy lives on the one side, and good friends live on the other.

Thor Heyerdahl









One day we must come to see that peace is not merely a distant goal we seek, but that it is a means by which we arrive at that goal. We must pursue peaceful ends through peaceful means.

Martin Luther King, Jr.





**The real and lasting victories are those of
peace and not of war.**

Ralph Waldo Emerson

You can't shake hands with a clenched fist.

Indira Gandhi









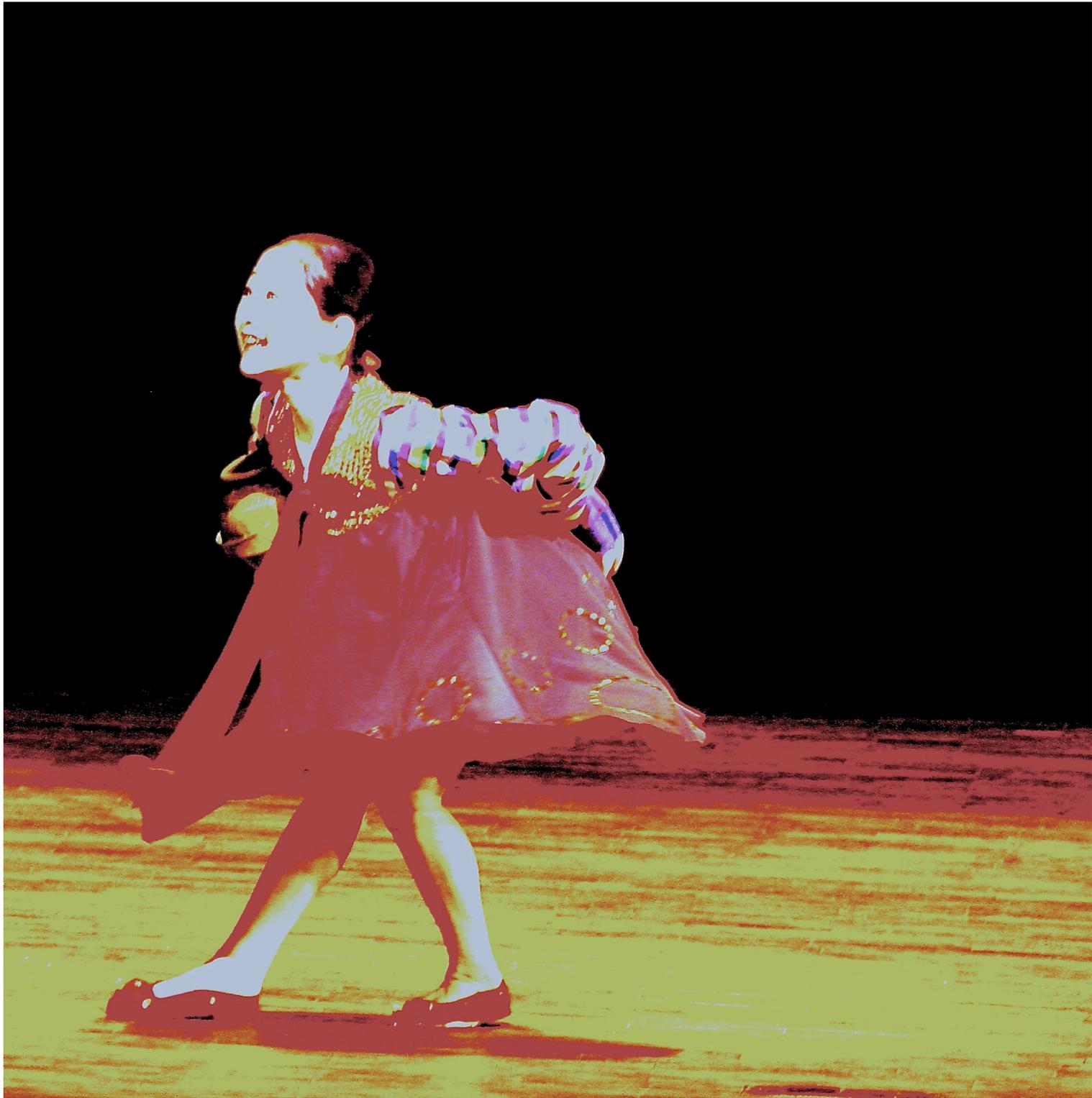




There is no path to peace. Peace is the way.

Mahatma Gandhi







**Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be
achieved by understanding.**

Albert Einstein

















The world is a dangerous place to live; not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it.

Albert Einstein



When Governments can't find the peace



people must take action.

The Right to Peace

Irrespective of their governments, the Korean people on both sides of the border have a right to peace - a human right. In 1984 the United Nations General Assembly passed Resolution 39/11:

The Right of Peoples to Peace recognizing that the maintenance of a peaceful life for peoples is the sacred duty of each State:

1. Solemnly proclaims that the peoples of our planet have a sacred right to peace;
2. Solemnly declares that the preservation of the right of peoples to peace and the promotion of its implementation constitute a fundamental obligation of each State;
3. Emphasizes that ensuring the exercise of the right of peoples to peace demands that the policies of States be directed towards the elimination of the threat of war, particularly nuclear war, the renunciation of the use of force in international relations and the settlement of international disputes by peaceful means on the basis of the Charter of the United Nations;
4. Appeals to all States and international organizations to do their utmost to assist in implementing the right of peoples to peace through the adoption of appropriate measures ...at all levels.



On July 27, 1953 the U.S. signed an Armistice agreement to temporarily halt the fighting that claimed 4 million lives and divided millions of families. All foreign troops were to leave Korea and a permanent peace treaty negotiated. Yet, despite the wishes of the Korean people

in both the South and North for peace and reconciliation, no peace treaty has been signed and war could erupt at any moment. The U.S., which authored the division of Korea, still has 28,500 troops in South Korea, and holds the key to peace.

President Obama has declared that “When we fail to pursue peace, it stays beyond our grasp forever.” We have to hold him to a new vision for peace and hope in Korea. **Here’s what you can do:**

- At least once a month call the White House at 202 - 456 -1111 and leave a comment at www.whitehouse.gov asking him to end the Korean War, set up diplomatic relations and secure a peace agreement. Also, contact the Secretary of State at 202-647-4000.
- Contact Senator John Kerry, Chair of the Foreign Relations Committee at (202) 224-2742 and tell him to support a peace treaty.
- Go to the website and sign on to the Petition to End the War.

The National Campaign to End the Korean War

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