

A LETTER FROM SHARON COOPER  
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

To Our Members and Friends of People to People Delaware,

We hope this letter finds you safe and well. As we move into the Fall and the holiday season, it is a time to reflect on gratitude. The change of seasons brings natural beauty in many forms. Also, we have been blessed with mild fall weather and the opportunity to be outside and interact with others, which is always welcome.

PTPDE is grateful for our growing membership and our ability to stay connected to all of you through our Zoom programs. We hope you have been able to participate in our recent programs which include the Circle of Understanding on Tajikistan and Covid-19: Focus Africa. PTPDE also participated in Delaware Peace Week in partnership with the Academy for Peace/Stop the Violence Coalition, Inc. with a socially distanced, outside, in-person program, Peace of Mind: Know Justice, Know Peace. Several of these programs are available for you to view on our website, [ptpde.org](http://ptpde.org).

The holiday season will look different for most of us this year as we navigate the challenge of Covid-19. To those of you who have lost loved ones, who are struggling with the stress of social isolation or who are dealing with the financial challenges in our current economy, you are in our thoughts and in our hearts. Our organization, as is true for many non-profits, is working to manage reductions in funding due to the pandemic. We are grateful about the promise of several vaccines in the near future that offer the hope of better times to come for all of us. We look forward to the time when PTPDE can offer in-person programs and we can deepen our connections to all of you.

We are grateful for the contributions and support from all of our members and friends. We will continue to work on creative ways to foster international connections and grow our mission of Peace through Understanding. We always welcome your ideas and participation and invite you to consider joining one of our committees: Membership, Public Relations, or Program.

PTPDE believes that we are stronger together and that in challenging times it is meaningful to find ways to come together. In that spirit, we would like you to join us for a Zoom Meet and Greet program on Sunday, November 29 at 4:30. Please be equipped with paper and pen. You can use the link [HERE](#) to pre-register. The flier for the event is also below. We hope you can join us for some fun and conversation.

Sharon Cooper

