Dear Friends,

In light of the tectonic shifts on the political scene in the US and around the world, we take great comfort in knowing our PeaceWorks community stands strong. Now entering our 25th year, we are very proud of our active, vibrant community whose acts of kindness and solidarity are helping to transform thousands of lives in Nicaragua. We hope you will help make our 25th year be the best yet! Here's how:

Help us raise $15,000 for our Nicaraguan partners to start the new year.

In January ten of us will travel to Nicaragua to meet with each of our partner organizations. Our delegation will see the progress of their work and discuss how our community can best continue to help. Our goal is to bring $30,000 in cash grants, but we still need to raise an additional $15,000 for:

* **The Axayacatl Center**: helping women who are fleeing domestic violence and building new lives.
* **The Federation for the Development of Rural Farmers (FEDICAMP)**: working to bring potable water, healthy food, and helping farmers adapt to climate change.
* **The Inhijambia Program for Street Kids**: providing nutrition, education, shelter and a future for Nicaragua’s street children.
* **The Palo de Oro Sea Turtle Sanctuary**: hatching and returning species of turtles that are in danger of extinction.
* **El Porvenir Coffee Co-op**: producing gourmet organic coffee that nurtures the ecology, protects workers’ health and creates a sustainable community.

**December 10th Holiday Party.** Come to our holiday party at the Friends Meeting in Chatham this Saturday December 10th. Good food & holiday cheer. We’ll launch PeaceWorks into its next 25 years of **people to people** work in Nicaragua. You can catch up with friends, enjoy a great meal and participate in a conversation about our work and dreams for the future. We’ll present our year-end financial and programmatic report as well as our 2017 plans.

**Generation to Generación: The Sandino Society.** As we enter our 25th year, we're inviting everyone to consider becoming a part of the Sandino Society. It's an opportunity to build solidarity across borders and connect people across generations through your will or estate planning. We've included a brochure about this new venture that will help PeaceWorks launch into the next quarter century of projects and community building.

PeaceWorks, c/o Johnston, 1125 Woolley Ave., Union, NJ 07083
917-301-6967, peaceworks.org
Send a PeaceWorks Holiday Card & Share the Holiday Spirit with Our Partners  We’d like to send a holiday card in your name to your friends and loved ones. For $25.00 we’ll send one of six different cards that each correspond to our Nicaraguan partners, like the Inhijambia Street Kid Program or the Axayacatl Center for women fleeing domestic violence. All proceeds go to our partners. Order your cards at peaceworks.org.

As always there was a lot happening with PeaceWorks this past month:

Prepping for our 71st Humanitarian Aid Shipments  Thanks to students at Seton Hall and volunteers from the PeaceWorks community, we packed around 50 boxes of items to be sent to our partners in Nicaragua in May. See the photos on our Facebook page.

People, Politics and Building Peace: Our November Dinner Forum  At our November 12th dinner forum we were joined by Aynn Setright, a 32-year resident of Nicaragua, via Skype. Aynn shared insight into current US-Nicaraguan relations, as well as perspective on how changes in Nicaragua could impact our work. Learn more at PeaceWorks.org.

The Alternative Gift Fair at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship  Many people are looking for gifts that their loved ones will love, and whose makers will benefit. We’re pleased to report that sales from our table at the Alternative Gift Fair raised $2,250.

At this time of the year, we are especially grateful for the comfort and joy of the PeaceWorks community. We have been doing this work --people to people, pueblo a pueblo-- for 25 years and we look forward to working and growing with you all in the future. Thank you for your continued support of PeaceWorks.

Sincerely,
Denis, Diane and the entire PeaceWorks Board

I'd like to make a donation to help you bring $30,000 on the January delegation to Nicaragua:  $ _______

I’d like to contribute to the general Peaceworks Fund for aid shipments, partner support, etc.

$50 _____, $100 _____, $150 _____, Other $____

Please add me to the PeaceWorks email list for meeting reminders and events announcements.

Name: __________________________  Email: _____________________________________

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Saturday December 10th, 2016
Dinner at 6:30. Program at 7:30.
Summit-Chatham Friends Meeting,
158 Southern Blvd., Chatham, NJ.
$10 adults. Kids free.

Feliz Navidad

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PEACEWORKS HOLIDAY CARDS

Make a donation of $25 or more to connect a loved one to the people of Nicaragua.

Inhijaibia
Hainie Women

The Axayacatl
Masaya Women’s Collectives

A Gift of Life Literacy

When you make a donation of $25 or more, on behalf of a loved one, at peaceworks.org, we’ll send a holiday card featuring one of our partner organizations in Nicaragua. You choose one of six beautiful cards and designate a recipient. We’ll send the card on your behalf, describing the project and your donation. All proceeds will benefit the selected partner organization.

Pick a card at peaceworks.org or call Austin Haeberle at 347-514-1707 to pay by check.
Augusto César Sandino

Augusto César Sandino was the poet/revolutionary who successfully organized resistance to the US government occupation of Nicaragua. During peace negotiations Sandino was tricked and then murdered by Nicaragua's infamous National Guard. His death led to decades of the Somoza family's brutal dictatorship until the Sandinista Revolution in 1979.

In Nicaragua, Sandino's legacy of fighting for freedom continues to be passed on generation to generation.

In his memory, PeaceWorks has created the "Sandino Society" as a way for you to create a meaningful and lasting legacy that will help those in need in Nicaragua for years to come.
THE SANDINO SOCIETY
PEOPLE TO PEOPLE. GENERATION A GENERACIÓN.

To honor the memory of Augusto Sandino and your past support of our work, PeaceWorks invites you to become a member of the Sandino Society by including PeaceWorks in your will or estate plan. You will be recognized in our annual report, but more importantly, you will be helping to carry our important work in Nicaragua into the future.

If you choose, you can indicate one of our partner organizations to be the beneficiary of your bequest through PeaceWorks. These organizations are:

**Axayacatl** supports women and families struggling against domestic violence with advocacy, support groups and economic development in Masaya.

**Inhijambia** reaches out to abused and homeless children in Managua and provides housing, intervention, food and counseling.

**Palo de Oro Sea Turtle Sanctuary** protects turtle eggs from scavengers and releases baby turtles back to the sea.

**FEDICAMP** based in Esteli assists farm families with diversification, rain water capture systems and accessing potable water.

**El Porvenir Coffee Co-op** produces gourmet organic coffee that nurtures the ecology, protects workers' health and creates a sustainable community.

Join the Sandino Society
You have demonstrated that you believe in the mission of Peaceworks through your financial support. Continue to make a difference in the lives of our Nicaraguan brothers and sisters by becoming a member of The Sandino Society.

A Powerful Way to Make a Difference
A bequest will not impact your finances during your lifetime, but it may help minimize the estate taxes payable after your death.

Naming PeaceWorks in your will is easily done. You and your attorney may find the following bequest language helpful:

"I give and bequeath the sum of ($____) to Peace-Works, 1125 Woolley Ave., Union, NJ 07083 to be used in support of its general charitable purposes". You can also donate a percentage of your estate or the remainder.

To have your name included as a member of The Sandino Society, please contact any PeaceWorks board member. Peaceworks is a 503(c)(3) charitable organization. Tax ID number: #22-3086330.

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