**Rotarian Youth Peace Leadership Initiative – Phase One**
*Submitted by Wesley Hedden on November 8, 2018*

**Background**

The 21st century has seen a dramatic rise in new forms of violent conflict, as well as global-scale adaptive challenges such as climate change, inequality, weapons of mass destruction, and terrorism, all with clear conflict implications. The 21st century world calls for new forms of leadership. The Rotarian 10-4 Peace Team has identified peace leadership as a viable approach to the world’s most pressing challenges. Rotary’s unique peace history and vast global network offers unique peace leadership opportunities at the community, regional, and global levels. In particular, Rotary’s youth network, including Rotaractors, Interactors, and Rotary Peace Fellows, can play a strategic role in Rotarian peace leadership.

**Purpose**

This is the first phase of a larger participatory action research project that meant to (1) engage key Rotary stakeholders, particularly youth, on the subject of peace leadership, (2) elicit diverse Rotarian peace leadership wisdom from around the world, and (3) create educational tools for use throughout the Rotary network and beyond. This first phase, already underway since September 2018, will elicit experiences, opinions, and recommendations from members of the 10-4 Peace Team and the Rotarian Action Group for Peace, those from Rotary International designing and implementing the Rotary Peace Fellowship, Rotaractors, Interactors, and Rotary Peace Fellows through interviews, surveys, and focus group discussions. The purpose of this initial phase will be to provide preliminary answers to the following questions:

1. How are members of the Rotary network/community leading peace in the world?
2. How does peace leadership within Rotary vary from location to location and across identities?
3. How can the Rotary network/community collaborate to improve their peace leadership and bring their community-based efforts to a regional and global stage?
4. What can Rotary International do to help support peace leadership within the Rotary network/community? Similarly, what can it do to help support peace leadership outside Rotary (i.e. with people of goodwill, peacebuilders, cultural creatives and other like-minded organizations and individuals)?

The output of Phase One will be a report with findings from the surveys, interviews, and focus group discussions, as well as recommendations for next steps in the Rotary Youth Peace Leadership Initiative.

**Timeline**

Phase One will run from September 15 to January 31. The facilitator-researcher will conduct surveys, interviews, and focus group discussions with the aforementioned stakeholders. Every two weeks during this period, the facilitator-researcher will report to the 10-4 Peace Team during its regularly scheduled meetings. The facilitator-researcher will deliver a final report with findings and recommendations by January 31, 2019.

**Budget**

$2,000 will be required for Phase One of this project to cover a modest stipend, communications, travel, and other incidental costs for the facilitator-researcher. Payment information is available on the attached invoice.

**Background on Facilitator-Researcher**

Wesley Hedden was a Rotary Peace Fellow at Chulalongkorn University in 2016. He is the founder of Sarus, a nonprofit working in peace leadership education in South and Southeast Asia since 2010. He recently finished his masters dissertation on youth and women’s peace leadership in South and Southeast Asia at the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies of Pannasatra University. He has also conducted research on peace leadership as an Asia-Pacific Leadership Fellows at the East-West Center.
# Invoice

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**Notes**
Preferred payment is check made out to Wesley Hedden and sent to the following address:

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Chase Pay, PayPal, and bank transfer are also available options for payment.