Harmony and Order: Lessons from the Korean Peninsula
(Book, East Rock Institute, 2017)

As rhetoric from world capitals increases political tensions and risk of conflict, now is a particularly important time to consider the methods to resolve differences through peaceful means. From the extreme subject of genocide as explored through the Grand Jeju Incident of April 3, 1948, to the more common experience of conflicts among neighbors, the 2017 Teach Korea Corps (TKC) curriculum book explores methods for conflict resolution embodied in Korean culture including Korean Mask Drama. During the Grand Jeju Incident, occupying forces on Jeju Island, Korea came into deadly contact with residents, resulting in the deaths of thousands of men, women, and children. From such tragedy arose an unwavering commitment toward resolving conflict through peaceful means, leading to the designation of Jeju Island as a World Heritage Site. The 2017 TKC book contains curricula and source material for teachers and individuals who want to learn more about how Koreans adapted to deal with conflict through art forms and the lessons learned from these techniques can serve as a positive role model for our world today on how to find creative outlets to confront injustices in the world. Authored by teachers from the New Haven School District and Drs Hesung Chun Koh and Christopher Y. Park of East Rock Institute, this volume includes chapters on “Korean Culture in the East Asian Context”, “History of Modern Korea”, “The Grand Tragedy”, “Korean Mask Drama”, “Notes on North Korea” and many other discussions relevant for the world today including the Power of Culture in a Multicultural Society and the Basis of Culture.

From our Teach Korea Corps conference held in June 2017 and in collaboration with our teacher exchange with Jeju National University in Spring 2017.
Teach Korea Corps 2018

All plans are a GO! for our 12th Teach Korea Corps Conference for teachers and the public in June 25th to 26th, 2018. The theme of this year's two day workshop will be: **Korean Women: Historic and Cultural Contributions.** The topic is particularly timely and was selected by our team of scholars and researchers. We are busy finalizing our speakers. If you are interested in participating in the workshop, please send an email to eastrock3@gmail.com. We welcome all to participate, including teachers, educators, students, and general public.

Madeline's 1st Birthday
Madeleine Park, the daughter of ERI’s President celebrated her *Tol* (first birthday) over the weekend. The *Tol*-janchi (first birthday party) is a significant Korean traditional life cycle ritual that celebrates the child’s first year of life by sharing food and wishing the child a long life, fortune and prosperity. Madeleine wore traditional dress, *Saekdong Hanbok* and a hat, *Chobawi*.

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