

E-Correspondence

from the Central Regional Council
March, 2013



Communication Support:

If you are receiving this email as a leader in your area, **please forward it on** to all the members in your group, branch or initiative. We want to ensure that all our members in the region remain connected. If you prefer that another member of your group be responsible for receiving and passing this on, please let us know. **We need your help and thank you.**

In the Spirit of our Social Future ~ REGISTER TODAY!



Social Imagination: Weaving Past and Future through Presencing

**Annual Meeting of Central Region
Group, Branch and Initiative Representatives**

With Special Guest: Albert Linderman, Ph.D.
Annette Conlon, Eurythmist

Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School ~ Viroqua, WI
May 3 - 5, 2013

The Central Regional Council invites you to Viroqua for the annual gathering of Group, Branch and Initiative leaders in the Central Region as we continue to weave the vessel for the Being Anthroposophia through our co-working with one another. We are grateful to the local members of the Anthroposophical Group and the Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School for hosting us in their community. We will be surrounded by the beautiful ridges and valleys of the “driftless” area of southwestern Wisconsin where the land remained free from glacial activity. As many of you know, we are dedicated to meeting in different parts of the Central Region in order to more fully experience the geographical context of our work and allow the land to speak to us.



Since 2004, the Central Regional Council has been calling together a circle of our co-workers in the life of the Anthroposophical Society - representatives of Groups, Branches, and initiatives from throughout our region. Annually, we take up a theme together; meet one another in a variety of ways, invite personal renewal and out of our research together offer insights to share with our local groups. On Sunday we hold our regional annual general meeting (AGM) providing reports on past activities and vision explorations for the future. We hope each group, branch and initiative can send two or more representatives to share in this work.

This year we take up themes surrounding the Whitsun event. Whitsun presents us with a remarkable and dramatic picture of Spirit-filled individuals anointed and enkindled with the impulse to speak out of individual freedom regarding the truth and healing power of the Spirit. The intense rush of spirit planted in the hearts of human beings highlights one of the greatest challenges of being human: placing our individual ego in right relationship within the social realm. This challenge is present most strongly during our time in human evolution.

There is greater and greater emphasis on our individuality and personal freedom. Local communities regularly consider how to respect the freedom of each person while holding a space for collaboration and generative activity in the spirit of brotherhood/sisterhood or mutuality.

Each human being is challenged to more consciously take up “social” thoughts, deeds or feelings to counteract the inherent and growing “anti-social” tendencies within their perceiving, thinking, feeling and willing. Our Anthroposophically-striving groups, working together as a community have the possibility to create the type of culture and opportunity for each of us to meet human to human. Our individual strength comes from our personal development and is enhanced by weaving our gifts with others, knitting our social world in true community.

*Victorious Spirit!
Flame through the impotence
Of irresolute souls
Burn out the egoism
Ignite the compassion
That selflessness
The life stream of humankind
Wells up
As the source of spirit rebirth.*

~ Rudolf Steiner

*In the heart the weaving feeling
In the head the light of thinking
In the limbs the strength of willing*

*Weaving enlightening
Strengthening weaving
Enlightening Strengthening*

~ Rudolf Steiner

We are delighted to have with us Albert Linderman, Ph.D. who has been a student of Otto Scharmer’s Theory U work. He will share and guide us in an exploration of “presencing” and how we can begin to utilize this tool to work toward imagining the future in our communities for the benefit of our local work and that of the Central Region.

Annette Conlon from Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School will lead us in weaving eurythmy throughout the weekend

using verses, poems and gesture. Singing, a *Songtrail* and our Saturday evening festival pageant, co-created from Whitsun themes, will support a healthy balance for our work.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Location:

Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School & Old Main
431 E. Court Street & 321 E. Decker
Viroqua, WI 54665
www.pleasantridgewaldorf.org

Registration Fee:

\$60 per person (for registrations postmarked by April 5th, 2013)

\$75 per person (for registrations postmarked after April 5th, 2013)

Note: actual cost per person is \$140. CRC funds are used to subsidize rates. Additional contributions are welcome to help defray costs.

Schedule Overview:

Friday:	5:00	Registration & Supper
	7:00	Opening Event
Saturday:	8:30	Singing & Eurythmy
	9:00	Thoughts on the theme
	10:30	Presencing work
	12:30	Lunch
	2:00	Songtrail
	4:00	Presencing work
	5:30	Supper
	7:00	Festival Pageant
Sunday:	8:00	Singing & Eurythmy
	8:30	Conversation
	10:30	Presencing AGM
	1:00	Lunch



Background Reading

- *The Whitsun Impulse and Christ's Activity in Social Life*—Sergei O. Prokofieff (Part 1: Renewed Whitsun as Source of Social Force for the Future)
- Executive Summary of Theory U—Otto Sharmer (link to our website)

Additional References

- *Whitsun: Community in the Age of Individualism*—Friedrich Benesch (currently out of print)
- *Social and Anti-Social Forces in the Human Being (GA 186)*—Rudolf Steiner

We encourage you to explore any questions arising out of the preparatory readings with your community as they relate to the Anthroposophical Society.

➔ **We look forward to seeing you in Viroqua!**

Conference Invitation and Registration Form can be found on our webpage.

[Anthroposophical Society in America: Central Region](http://www.anthroposophical-society-in-america.org/central-region)



If you have any suggestions or contributions for upcoming issues, please send them to Marianne Fieber at marianne.fieber@yahoo.com. In the subject line, indicate that they are for the e-correspondence. We hope this format will help us reach members in a timely way with information that is of interest.

Some simple guidelines for submissions:

Deadline: 3rd Saturday of the month

Electronic submissions only to marianne.fieber@yahoo.com

Activities taking place within the Central Region

Activities which are led and/or developed by members living within the Central Region

Note: We reserve the right to edit contributions as needed

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