

# E-Correspondence

from the Central Regional Council  
February, 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.

## Social Imagination: Weaving Past and Future through Presencing

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

With Special Guests: Albert Linderman, PhD and Annette Conlon, Eurythmist

Viroqua, WI - May 3 - 5, 2013

Themes arising from the Whitsun Impulse weave together with principles from Theory U to create a dynamic and inspiring experience for Group, Branch and Initiative leaders from the Central Region.

This event will provide the possibility for a wonderful experience of vessel building nestled in this “driftless” area of our region.



It is our desire that every group, branch and initiative will find a way to send at least one if not two (or more) representatives to this annual gathering. We look forward to seeing you in Viroqua, WI!

Look for the full invitation and registration information available beginning of March.

## NEW GROUP IN OUR REGION! - Friends of Michael, Houston TX

The Central Regional Council was pleased to recommend the Friends of Michael group for recognition by the Anthroposophical Society in America. During their January 2013 meeting, the General Council accepted the recommendation and we are pleased to welcome this new group in our Central Region. Laura Iturralde has been identified as the contact person. [oceano4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:oceano4@sbcglobal.net)

In their Statement of Intent the Friends of Michael outlined three guiding principles for their work:

- ∞ To nourish the soul of the group through regular meetings and the celebration of the Four Festivals.
- ∞ To cultivate the spirit of the individuals in the group and their unique talents through the study of Anthroposophical lectures and other materials.
- ∞ To offer public activities to share with the people of Houston and opportunities to experience Michael’s warmth-filled intelligence.

*May our feeling penetrate  
To the center of our hearts  
And seek in love  
To unite with those  
Who share our goals  
And with the spirits  
Who look down benevolently  
On our heart's earnest strivings  
Sending us strength*

There is a growing presence of anthroposophy in Houston as this new group joins 2 other groups in the area:

**Wednesday nights @7 PM** and is focused on Anthroposophy. They are currently reading the 4th book in the Karmic Relationships Series. For information contact Mark Collins: 832-738-6905

**Thursday nights @ 7 PM** focusing on Waldorf Education, they are currently reading Education towards Freedom. For information contact Laura Iturralde: 281-794-7059

## February Council Meeting - New Orleans, LA

The CRC spent a wonderful weekend in New Orleans **February 15-17** meeting in the home of former council colleague Margaret Runyon. In addition to planning for the Central Region May event, we had several opportunities to engage with local members and friends involved in the numerous initiatives and activities currently blossoming at the base of our regional chalice. We also gave talks on Rudolf Steiner and the Social and Spiritual Mission of Waldorf Schools as well



COSMOS by Seymour Liptman – 1973, American

as Threefold Social Organizing principles.

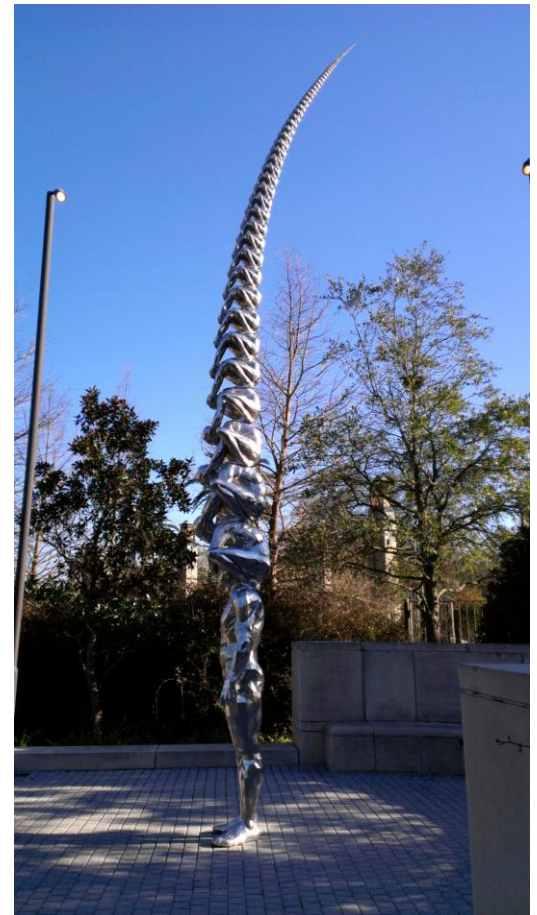
Dennis Dietzel hosted a conversation with a small group of members interested in the School for Spiritual Science.

This is a significant time in New Orleans, with a rich array of activities and initiatives sprouting and flourishing.

We were warmly welcomed everywhere we went and experienced a deep commitment to the strengthening of the vessel for Anthroposophical work in the Gulf of Mexico. The Council spent much of their time working through details surrounding the upcoming May gathering to be held in Viroqua. We explored the theme of Whitsun, created pastel gesture drawings and brainstormed about the pageant. We hosted a phone conference call with Albert Linderman who will be sharing processes and practices around Theory U in May. It was an inspiring call and bodes well for our work together in May. We look forward to seeing a good group come together a bit farther north near the Mississippi River.

I had a chance to take a walk through City Park's Sculpture Garden. I wanted to share a couple photos with you. I hope you enjoy them as much as I.

~ Marianne Fieber



Karma by Do-Ho Suh – 2011, Korean

## Mary Adams in Dornach, Switzerland!

### Michael and the New Isis Mysteries ~ Lifting the Veil (February 21 to 24, 2013)

Conference of the Medical Section - School for Spiritual Science

Mary's contribution was on Friday February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The title was *Mercury and the Laying of the Foundation Stone ~ Our Celestial Signature*.

From the brochure:

Dear Friends,

In February 1913, Rudolf Steiner delivered a lecture on the being Anthroposophia, a hundred years later we can ask ourselves, how have we participated in this being?

Do we feel her moving in our circles? Can we feel the tickle of joy at her presence when we gather in the work? Where does Anthroposophia live in us? How do we create the spaces for her to rest her head when we gather?

Have we loved each other fiercely enough to brush away the very present forces that desire us to forget our inheritance? Alone I will never remember everything I came here to do, I will lose the voice of the beings who I wish to serve. It is only in *your* heart, *your* witnessing and love that I remember. "Where two or more are gathered..."

When the Anthroposophical Society was just separating from the Theosophical Society, Rudolf Steiner said that it struggled, as it remained a group of individuals doing good work and not a cohesive movement. As we look to the future, to our society, or its being, we must ask ourselves how are we coming together? How can I listen to you so intently that I am able to not just hear what you are saying, but where my love actually reveals what you are trying to become? How can I be with you so that my love participates in your path to freedom?

What if we could take our work to greater depths in the world? Can we come together in joy and celebration of all that has been done and with clarity and love for what is to come? There is so much to be done, so much that can be born out of our movement/society. This society holds the possibility for such profound healing for the world.

It is the very work of our time to once again come into community, no longer as a tribe but as a group of free individuals. This is the work! It is work because it will not come naturally to us. We must choose it. We must choose to love despite our differences. We must choose to love because of our differences. Can we do it? Can we take up our destiny?

In Dornach from the 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2013, we want to invite a space that truly allows us to come together, and meet each other again for the first time, listen into the silence, and hear each other's hearts task, to come together and speak out a foundation for our work, to step fully into loving relationships that will truly allow the being Anthroposophia to live amongst us as a movement/society . . . and to allow us as a society/movement to bring Anthroposophia through our shared work to the world.



Spirit Triumphant!  
Flame through our feeble  
Hesitant souls.  
Burn up all egotism,  
Ignite compassion  
That selflessness  
River of life for humanity  
Shall be the source spring  
For being reborn in the spirit.

Rudolf Steiner Michaelmas 1919

The Planning Committee  
Dornach 2013!

## The Central Region has a Webpage!

Alberto Loya has been working on creating a webpage for our region. With the help of ASA's Communications Director John Beck, it has gone "LIVE" through the Anthroposophical Society's website. It is still very much a "work in progress" with primarily static information however we will work on developing a more dynamic presence to include updated information on our annual events, special announcements, the e-correspondence as well as other documents we wish to make available to our regional members. Please take a look! Let us know what you may be interested in seeing here. Thanks.

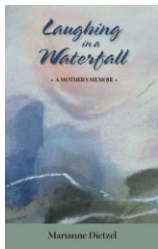
[Anthroposophical Society in America: Central Region](#)

If you are interested in exploring a web presence for your group or branch, consider this option. Contact John Beck for more information [editor@anthroposophy.org](mailto:editor@anthroposophy.org).

## What's going on in our Region?

Follow the link below to the events listed on the Anthroposophical Society's website.

[Anthroposophical Society in America: Central Region Events](#)



### Beholding the Threshold: Creating a New Culture around the Sacred Threshold of Death

Thursdays: February 28, March 7, and March 14, 6:30 to 9:00pm

Session 1 - February 28: Music, Readings, and Conversation

Session 2 - March 7: Caring for Our Own Deceased

Session 3 - March 14: Bereavement and Staying Connected to Those Across the Threshold

**Presenters: Marianne and Dennis Dietzel**

*Wisdom Ways Center for Spirituality, Carondelet Center*

*1890 Randolph Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105 651-696-2788*

For more information, or to register, go to <http://wisdomwayscenter.org/beholding-the-threshold.html>

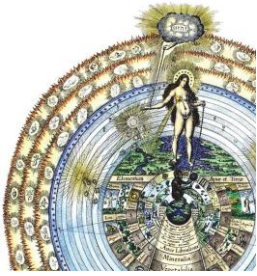
**The Two Rivers Folk School (TRFS) in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota** seeks to create a more democratic, humane, and sustainable society by providing means for the sharing of practical arts, applied technologies, theoretical wisdom, and the capacity to intuit the sources of awareness and intention.

### March 1-3, Craig Holdrege Lectures, Evolution beyond Darwinism and Creationism

A Series of Three Talks, At City of Lakes Waldorf School

The public discussion of evolution has become highly polarized. Material and spiritual views of nature and humanity are presented as irreconcilable opposites. Instead of nuanced arguments, we are offered oversimplifications that gloss over deeper questions. One way to move beyond oversimplification is to return to a careful consideration of the phenomena themselves, which are always more complex than any simple scheme can encompass. In this series of talks, Craig Holdrege will discuss the topic of evolution by drawing on concrete examples from animal and human evolution. While offering no pat answers, he will point to patterns and riddles that embrace the physical-spiritual nature of evolution. The three lectures will build on one another, so participation in all three is encouraged. All three lectures - \$30, Individual lectures - \$15

For a full list of courses and activities go to [tworiversfolkschool.org](http://tworiversfolkschool.org)



## MA in Transpersonal Psychology: Concentration in Anthroposophic Psychology

Beginning July 29, 2013

Central Region Member **Roberta Nelson, PhD** is a core faculty member of this program along with Dennis Klocek, Orland Bishop and James Dyson MD and others.  
(See program flier attached.)

For more information visit: [www.SteinerCollege.edu](http://www.SteinerCollege.edu)  
or call 916.961.8727, x145 ask for Dr. Bento.



If you have any suggestions or contributions for upcoming issues, please send them to Marianne Fieber at [marianne.fieber@yahoo.com](mailto: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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month

Electronic submissions only to [marianne.fieber@yahoo.com](mailto: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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