

Dear Friends,

Spring Greetings from the Eastern Region Holding Group (ERHG)!

I would like to start off by introducing myself as your new Eastern Regional Representative on the General Council of the Anthroposophical Society in America. My name is Gino Ver Eecke and I'm from Spring Valley, NY. More details are in the current issue of *being human*, the ASA's magazine.

[being human online](#)



I'm following in the footsteps of Dave Mansur, who will still be serving on the General Council as your Treasurer. He will also remain on the ERHG. Thank you, Dave, for your many years of service on the Council and I look forward to continuing work with you!

We held our Eastern Region Video Newsletter on February 23, which was well attended. About 50 people joined in the Zoom call. Tari Steinrueck shared an update about recent events and developments at the Fellowship Community in Chestnut Ridge, NY. We also heard from Alex Tuchman, who shared a report on the workings of the North American Agricultural Section, and a beautiful slideshow on the work of the Spikenard Farm Honeybee Sanctuary. Thank you again, Tari and Alex for your wonderful contributions. Click on the button to access a recording of the meeting, available until June 1.

[View the recent Eastern Region Video Newsletter](#)

I wish to draw attention to the Handbook that is available for Groups and Branches. To have your Group or Branch attain formal recognition by the Society, follow this link for details on how to proceed.

[Info for Groups and Branches](#)

The focus in the near future is to invite Branches and Groups within our region to share how they are working. Are there any bridges being built with the School of Spiritual Science and with the Anthroposophical Movement in general? This theme is being encouraged by the General Council. We ask you: how can the Holding Group be of assistance in furthering the work within the Branches and Groups?

I would like to end with a short quote from Rudolf Steiner's *Fifth Letter to the Members*:

*But it also should be possible for a **unity of consciousness** to arise in the whole Society—which will happen if the initiative and ideas that emerge at different places become known everywhere.*

The ERHG would like to be of service toward this aim.

We, Sheena Ifkovitch from PA, Cathy Green from TN, Angela Foster from GA, Dave Mansur from MA, and I, look forward to our next opportunity to meet together. We will be in touch with the announcement for our next video newsletter.

In the meantime, [you may reach me at gfbver@gmail.com](mailto:gfbver@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Gino Ver Eecke,

Eastern Regional Representative to the General Council