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FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITY IN THE NEW MYSTERIES

The Need for Spiritual Discernment

A conference sponsored by the Anthroposophical Society in America, **October 21-23** in Portland, Oregon

Portland is indeed fortunate to be hosting the 2005 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Anthroposophical Society. The Portland AGM carrying group, which was formed at a branch meeting, has been working closely with the national General Council and the Western Regional Council to develop a format that promises to be enriching and enlivening. The theme addresses a challenge that we all face as free human beings who are responsible for our own inner development: How can we determine what is true and what is not? How can we be responsible for the results of our choices?

Speakers: Through lecture and workshop Dennis Klocek will address "Transforming Fantasy into Imagination". He will explore how meditation practices contained in spiritual science provide the essential mood of soul necessary for transforming visionary experiences into reliable cognitive experiences. Marijo Rogers will describe how "Parsifal's Path Is Our Path in the New Mysteries", a path which foreshadows the challenges of our age. Today many of us struggle to overcome a sense that we are failing to meet our high goals and the needs of our time. Parsifal fails many times but takes responsibility for the consequences of his deeds, and by persevering finds a new path that leads to the Grail.

Group Work: Significant time will be provided for conversation in smaller groups, which will allow us to work together to elaborate and digest conference themes. Groups may also elect to form around other topics of interest. Workshop options for parents and educators will also be offered during these breakout times. In the morning Joan Almon will offer "Helping the Child to Discriminate Between What is True and What is Not." In the afternoon Joan Treadaway will bring "What Do the New Mysteries Mean for the Education of the Child?"

Artistic and Social: On Saturday we will experience the Werbeck approach to singing with Diane Rowley, and share lunch, coffee/tea breaks and dinner. On Saturday evening we will be treated to a performance of an original piece entitled "Poetry in Buchenwald", adapted from the work of Jacques Lusseyran. It will incorporate eurythmy organized by Natasha Moss, the marionettes of Cheri Munske, and readings by Helen Lubin and Jeffrey Levy. Northwest eurythmists will also perform individual pieces.

Local anthroposophical initiatives are invited to participate in a "**Portland Room**", to offer conference attendees an experience of the many faces of our community. You are invited to provide materials and displays and be on hand for conversation. We'd love to incorporate all the aspects of Anthroposophical life in Portland – including the schools, preschools, art therapists, stores, medical group, biodynamic group, eurythmy and teacher training programs, astrosophy, perhaps even study groups.

The Annual General Meeting of the Anthroposophical Society in America will be held on Sunday morning at the Portland Waldorf School.

The AGM moves to a different region of the country each year, so that over time members may find themselves in close proximity to a meeting. Let's take full advantage of our opportunity this October.

The Portland AGM Conference Carrying Group Will Gratefully Accept Your Help: As hosts of this compelling event we are striving to provide hospitality, beauty, nourishment and support to our fellow Anthroposophists who will be traveling to be with us. Please call us if you are able to help with housing, transportation to and from events or the airport, flowers and aesthetic touches, setup and takedown, help in the kitchen, registration, or organizing an aspect of the conference, e.g. refreshments before the Friday evening lecture.

Contacts:

Cheri Munske at woolhorse@mindspring.com or 503 772-2632 to offer **housing**

Angela Sparks at angela@sparkshome.net or 503 772-5202 to offer **transportation**

Marsha Johnson at oregon7@aol.com or 503 753-4459 to get involved in the **Portland Room** – leave phone # and address to receive a registration form.

Valerie Hope at valerieannhpdx@aol.com or 503-775-0778 for general information, with ideas, or to discuss possibilities for your involvement

Respectfully submitted by Valerie Hope for the AGM Carrying Committee, Portland, Oregon

Anthroposophical Society
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Portland, Oregon

ANTHROPOSOPHY AT CEDARWOOD

By Sacha Etzel, Portland, Oregon

Here at Cedarwood the faculty and staff work towards a deeper understanding of Anthroposophy. The study of man/human, as one agrees, begins with oneself. Arising each day we strive to connect with the higher worlds having Rudolf Steiner's indications and exercises as our guide. Each member finds this inner silence and connection in their own way. We have a reverence for one another and each of our Karmic paths. There is clearly a sense of joy and reverence for our streams and destinies to be united at this point in time.

Greeting one another each day with our morning verse of *The Calendar Of The Soul*, singing, and reciting the verse, "We have the will to work", we are reminded of this great teaching of Anthroposophy. In addition many of us start our day with intention by honoring the color of the day and wearing the

color. When meeting and seeing one another it is once again a reminder of the exercise of the day. To our amazement sometimes the children are so cosmically connected they too are clothed in the color.

There are many subgroups within the school who study anthroposophy in one way or another. The faculty has material it studies in the larger body and in the individual groups of Early childhood, Subject and Grades meetings. Clearly there is a strong interest for these indications among many of the community members yet ultimately within the clear example of the modeling and overall spiritual sense of being at Cedarwood.

HOW ANTHROPOSOPHY LIVES IN MY CHEMISTRY LESSONS AT SWALLOWTAIL

By Bryan Owens, Portland, OR

Ideally, every subject that is brought to a group of students is rooted in deeper realities and their relationships to mankind. Fortunately, Anthroposophy helps to provide a wellspring of depth and insight into many subjects. At the moment I am teaching chemistry to a class of 7th and 8th graders. I daily try to consider how a subject parallels what is going on in the class or how it is appropriate for the age. Even though I am still very new to teaching, I believe the subject of chemistry can meet the students on several levels. The theme of balance has come up in nearly every subject I have taught, and the balance of acids and bases in our digestive system is only one example that mirrors the constant equilibrium maintained in nature through the balancing of acids and bases in our environment. Also, the exchange of gases in the air we breathe and exhale not only clearly demonstrates chemical processes, but it is also related to what happens in the outer world through combustion. One last example that also shows a deeper relationship between man and nature is the lime cycle. Lime (calcium carbonate) in its many forms presents a picture of dissolving and building up throughout nature, from sea-shells to stalactites and stalagmites, and is also seen mirrored in the process of bone formation in the human being. As with many things, the deeper one penetrates subjects such as these, particularly with the insights brought through Anthroposophy, the more relevant and profound they appear.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PORTLAND BRANCH OF THE ANTHROPOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, PLEASE CALL DIANE RUMAGE AT (503) 240-0908.

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The deadline for submissions to the *Portland Anthroposophic Times* is the first day of each month for the following month's edition. For example, an article or calendar submission for the August newsletter must be received by July 1st.

The Portland Waldorf School and High School located in Milwaukie and the Sagewood School located in Bend will present reports on their work in future newsletter editions.

Look for the listing of Portland area Waldorf schools and initiatives in this newsletter.

ARE WE READY FOR A REGIONAL WALDORF HIGH SCHOOL?

Portland is set for an extraordinary next step in Waldorf education. The existing Portland Waldorf High School will soon be full with four classes of 25 students each which will be filled largely from its lower school. Two additional lower schools in the Portland area are within two or three years of fulfilling their goal of having eight grades. Together these three lower schools carry the potential to convey 50 to 75 lower school graduates per year to a suitably sized high school in the area, in addition to those families that move here for the high school experience. By my calculation that is a double tracked curriculum, one that is too large to be housed in the existing Portland Waldorf High School. It's time to begin thinking about the community value of a regional Waldorf high school located somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area. Such an endeavor would undoubtedly attract students from Waldorf lower schools across Oregon and beyond. The vortex is beginning to form. Isn't it time we started to consider how to bring such an undertaking about? This is community building at its best. If you are interested to be part of an exploratory group looking into and furthering this idea, please contact Ron Ennis, the visionary extraordinaire among us. He sees a Waldorf high school in Portland with a 1,000 students enrolled within the next 10 years. For now, we think it makes sense to have a suitably sized Waldorf High School ready for our growing lower school graduating classes when they need it. **We will meet for a brown bag lunch at Ron's office on Tuesday, June 21st from noon until 1:00 PM in downtown Portland.** Ron can be reached by e-mail at ron@pathways-careers.com or by phone at (503) 221-8747 for directions. Let's do this!Editor

THE MICHA-EL INSTITUTE

By John Miles, Portland, Oregon

The Micha-el Institute holds courses in Anthroposophy and the Arts as well as Waldorf Teacher Training.

It takes its birth from the end of 1998 when a group of people from Central Oregon asked for a Teacher Training program to begin in Portland. Under the guidance of John Miles the Micha-el Institute was formed in March 1999 with courses at the weekend and has grown steadily since. Over 50 teachers both local and international have taught and lectured on the courses since they began.

As well as running three certificate courses for Waldorf Teachers the Micha-el Institute holds more than ten summer conferences through the months of June and July for Home

Schoolers, Early Childhood and Class Teachers and the general public. Through the year there are Introductory Courses on Thursday evenings for interested adults including Waldorf School Parents and prospective teacher trainees. These are held in blocks of four weeks and cover Child Development, Anthroposophy, Festivals, Community-building, Eurythmy, the Waldorf Curriculum and Art in the Waldorf School.

Future plans are to expand the number of students on certificate courses and open an extension program in February of 2006 in Fukuoka in Japan.

Further information can be had by visiting our website www.micha-elinstitute.com or by calling 503 774-4946.

AMERICA'S GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY

Lindisfarne Books, 2004

Jesaiah Ben-Aharon

A SUMMARY WITH QUOTES

Compiled by Ron Ennis, Portland Oregon

“For the first time in human history, a *universal* and spiritual, biblical conception of the human being became a social foundation for a life of a modern state:

We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

“These profound words taken from the Declaration of Independence give expression to existential values that live in the American people. These words were originally conceived to guide the highest ideals for the social formation of the United States within its own borders. But, since the United States has become the leading global power, those same words now oblige it in its conduct towards humanity as a whole. Now they must be taken in their global, even cosmic, sense, using America's global power to insure the life, liberty, and happiness of all nations and creatures on Earth. The forces that oppose the realization of these ideals in the U.S. itself are the same ones that use America's global power for selfish ends. They are the enemies of the founding goals and vision of the United States, whether inside or abroad, and, under the rubric of protecting “American interests,” they merely use U.S. power to foster their own interests and goals. Americans committed to the true vision of their nation are often painfully aware that America's name and ideals are usurped and used in a manner quite contrary to the spirit of the nation's founding documents.” Pp. 6-7.

“The Declaration of Independence thus maintains that it is a “self-evident” fact that all humans are inherently *equal*, and

that this endows them with certain *basic human rights*. It also states that these rights are essentially three: the right to life, which can be interpreted to mean the right to a decent economic existence in the physical world; the right to liberty, which means that quality of human nature is the guarantee of free social order or democracy; and the right to the pursuit of happiness, suggesting that a meaningful and creative life is the foundation of a culture worthy of humans. We see here that one central spiritual value, the value of equality, becomes a foundation for realizing human rights in the economic, political, and cultural sectors." P.7

This "threefoldness" is inherent in the Declaration of Independence. If human beings are all created in the image of one God, then their social relationships must be worthy of this assumption. Human rights are essential to the human being and are sacred because they belong to us by dint of our divine nature. Society should reflect these rights in economic life, by allowing each person to meet basic human needs; in the democratic political state, by allowing each person to freely participate; and in recognizing the right to meaningful life as an essential human need in the cultural-spiritual sphere." Pp7-8

STAR LIGHT

by Diane Ramage, Portland, Oregon

The Virtue of the Month given by Rudolf Steiner for May 21 - June 21 when the sun is in the sign of Gemini is "Perseverance becomes Faithfulness." Faithfulness is defined as steadfastness in affection or allegiance; firmness in adherence to promises. Its root in Latin means trust. The German word for faithfulness is Treue, similar to our word true, which stems from the Sanskrit word for wood or tree.

Gemini is an airy sign, the breathy "H" is its sound. It represents the Word sense – we are able to perceive another's words as word. A Gemini's words can fly out of their mouths and they can contradict themselves and not care, since they are on to the next topic before you can protest. Gemini, the twins, represents symmetry--on the one hand I say this, on the other hand I say that. For a Gemini, the grass is always greener. One moment we breathe ourselves out into the world, the next we take in the outside air and breathe in the world. As we move from Spring to Summer the air rises in the warming light. Gemini also represents the Ability for the Deed according to Rudolf Steiner.

When someone says "I give you my word" it is an assurance that you can trust him or her. They will be faithful and true to their word. Of the twins, one is mortal and one immortal. Have not most of us encountered that awful moment when we say to ourselves: "I will tell a lie here on earth, but be true to my immortal goals?" And the awful feeling when we have given our word, and find that circumstances or lack of character cause us not to be able to fulfill our word.

In anticipating the writing of this current column, I found it so easy to say to myself: "I am too busy with other things; I'm very tired; I'm not feeling up to it; couldn't I skip just one month? Who am I to presume I could write something? I'm not feeling inspired; why not find someone else to do it? I'm not getting paid for it and I need to spend my time earning money; is anyone benefiting from this? What do I know about this topic?"

A tree is perceptible in space, but actually growing in time. If it fails to get proper light, warmth, air, water, nourishment or care we can watch it fade or become crippled or stunted. If insects infest or beaver or deer strip its bark, it can die. We can think how wonderful to have a tree for beauty, shade, fruit – but then we have to prune it and rake its leaves and tend to the fruit, and who takes responsibility for it? So if we commit to an ideal, a task, a person, a promise, what happens when the initial glow or spark fades? Do we leap to the next better, brighter, more important one, or do we dig deeper into our depths and the depths of the other, in order to continually sustain the attention, needs, hopes of whatever or whoever that other is. Do we realize that it wasn't just a fantastic sense perception in space, and now that it's faded with the passage of time, we have no connection or obligation to our former commitment? Part of our bumbling, part of our learning curve is coming to know who we are as a spiritual being, to find our immortal twin so that what is of permanence in our selves can dedicate itself to the eternal, the spiritual in the other. We acknowledge how we change and struggle with discovering who we are and work at "hanging in there" with the other through all the discoveries of inadequacies, unpleasantness, and changes. We work at controlling our thoughts, our deeds, our feelings, our attitudes. We then discover we can trust our own word, and others can trust us. We persevere through thick and thin, better or worse, sickness or health. Perhaps someday even beyond the threshold of death.

What the mind conceives of as easy is usually harder for the will to follow through on. When the will is challenged, one has to call up again that image of initial commitment. One has the capability for the deed. All deeds make waves. Can we ride the wake? That is when the changeable and adaptable nature of the Gemini comes in handy.

The new moon is on June 6, 2005. Jupiter has been very bright in the night sky in the constellation of Virgo. It continues to be so, and if it will be dark enough at 10 pm. on 6/6/05 one will see it in the S/SW there still, with Saturn setting in the SW in the Cancer constellation. Rising in the SE at 4 a.m. will be Mars in the constellation of Pisces. As regards heliocentric historic similars there are several social/political figures: George Washington, Ruskin, Gladstone, Disraeli, Duhring, Victor Hugo, Charles Dickens, Joan of Arc, Charles XII of Sweden, Wallenstein, Talleyrand. Le Corbusier's architecture, the wisdom in Leonardo's works, Bramante's inspiration of transforming architectural spaces via painting as well as his work on architectural design for the

Vatican, (which was called to view recently with the Papal transition) can be artistic inspirations. Hahnemann's work with homeopathy is also a focus.

WINTER GREEN FARM CSA—SEASON UPDATE

June is just around the corner and we still have shares available for our 2005 Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) season! We invite you to join our Community Farm program and experience fresh, biodynamic food first hand. From mid-June through Thanksgiving, we deliver weekly boxed of various vegetables, berries and herbs grown and harvested on our biodynamic family farm in Noti, OR.

Community Farm Members can expect an abundant mix of produce that varies with the seasons. Our early boxes will be full of fresh greens (swiss chard, spinach, kale, pac choi and lettuce), broccoli, carrots, green onions, radishes and even strawberries. As we move into the warmer summer months, the boxes will get heavier as our plantings of green beans, cauliflower, summer squash, cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, sweet corn and blueberries begin to mature. By late summer and early fall, the harvest will be at its peak abundance. In addition to our summer crops, we'll be harvesting potatoes, onions, winter squash and more fall greens (please visit the "projected crops" link on our website for more details about what to expect of the Winter Green harvest). If you love a wide variety of fresh biodynamic produce and are willing to try your hand at eating with the seasons, a Winter Green Community Farm share might be just the thing for you!

You can sign up or learn more about our farm. We'd be happy to hear from you.

At our website, www.wintergreenfarm.com.

Give us a call at 866-935-1920

Or send us an e-mail at folks@wintergreenfarm.com.

DNA BARCODING IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR TAXONOMY

The following letter was printed in *NATURE*, VOL 434, 7 APRIL 2005 and illustrates one way information is attempting to supplant knowledge.

Sir — DNA barcoding, formerly a way of identifying DNA within foodstuffs, is now being proposed as a way to catalogue life.

At the First International Barcoding Conference, held at the Natural History Museum in London in February 2005, heads of research institutes discussed plans to use museums, herbaria and other biodiversity institutes as national centres for DNA barcoding. Several small grants promoting it as an

economical way of cataloguing life have been awarded, with a view to seeding bids for larger consortium grants.

Claims for its benefits are extravagant. The Consortium for the Barcode of Life has stated: "DNA barcoding will make a huge difference to our knowledge and understanding of the natural world." But that's a slogan. What of the science behind these undertakings?

The purpose of barcoding is to find a unique piece of DNA (cytochrome *c* oxidase subunit 1, for example) for every described species, so future taxonomists can run large biotic surveys without the need to learn or use morphological keys. Barcoding is at best a technology that may be able to spot DNA diversity within physically indistinct species. But even at this level it remains a genetic key to identify known species, rather than replacing traditional taxonomic practice.

However, this quick, cheap technology is in competition with taxonomy for funding. What cash-strapped student will want to enter a field such as taxonomy that takes years to master and offers little or no job prospects? A budding barcoder — with no interest in biology, let alone taxonomy — can be trained in a fraction of that time, quickly disseminate their 'research' globally and look forward to a well-funded career.

DNA barcoding may seem progressive to those who use the word 'dusty' whenever the subject of taxonomy arises. But the work of taxonomists provides knowledge of the organism, not a few possibly unique nucleotides. In any case, every barcode must be linked with a known, described specimen stored somewhere.

Given its high-profile launch, barcoding will almost certainly result in a plethora of newly 'flagged' DNA species that will never be formally described. One estimate is that it will take some 250 years for taxonomy to catch up with barcoding. True to form, barcoding has supplied an answer: 'DNA taxonomy' — cataloguing barcodes and assigning each to an unnamed species.

Traditional taxonomy cannot keep up with this 'diversity'. How long will it be until even the specimen is no longer necessary to 'understand' the organism?

DNA barcoding generates information, not knowledge. The vast number of barcodes will tell us what we know: life is complex. Museums that encourage DNA barcoding to compete for funding with taxonomy are misguided, as the practice is counterproductive to furthering our understanding of life.

Malte C. Ebach*, **Craig Holdrege†**

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Portland Anthroposophical Society Calendar - June 2005

Study Groups

Anthroposophia Studies for Branch Life

Working with the spiritual realm helping our community life. Call for meeting times to Valerie Hope 503/775-0778.

Biodynamic Agriculture

Focus on biodynamic agriculture with reading, discussion and art. Call Carrie Jo Caralyus at 503-239-5633.

Eurythmy

Training offered by Portland Eurythmy on weekends and evenings. Please contact Natasha Moss at 503/233-0663.

Karmic Relationships – currently full

Working through Rudolf Steiner's Karmic Relationships Cycle of lectures. Call James Lee for information 503/249-3804.

Life Beyond Death – currently full

Reading the collection of Steiner's lectures. Call Cheri Munske for information 503/772-2632.

Mystery Dramas

Most Wednesdays at 7 PM. Please call James Lee at 503/249-3804.

Special Needs/ Camphill

Fridays, 7 – 8:30 PM Reading from Rudolf Steiner's Education for Special Needs, formerly titled Curative Education. Call Craig Thom 503/256-1622 for location and directions.

Waldorf Education and Teacher Training

Lectures and courses conducted throughout the year by the Micha-el Institute. Contact John Miles at 503/774-4946.

Upcoming Events

Su MAY 15

Branch Meeting

Bothmer Hall - 3 to 5 PM

A community-wide gathering of Anthroposophical Society members and friends. Contact Diane Ramage 503/240-0908

Su MAY 15

The Legend of the Weaver and the Herdboy

Portland Central Library - 1:30 PM

Wool Horse Puppet Theater will perform, an ancient Japanese tale suitable for all ages; runs May 21, June 18 and July 13 at other libraries: For more information call Cheri Munske 503/772-2632.

Th MAY 19

Experiencing Freehand Geometry in the Waldorf School

PWS Classroom - 7 to 9 PM

A presentation/practicum on the Waldorf Curriculum offered by ***the Micha-el Institute***. Please contact 503/774-4946.

Sa MAY 21

The Legend of the Weaver and the Herdboy

St. John's Library - 2 PM

See May 15 or call Cheri Munske for more information at 503/772-2632.

Sa MAY 21

Portland Eurythmy Presentation

Bothmer Hall - 7 - 8 PM plus refreshments

Everyone is warmly invited to our end of year presentation by the eurythmy students. Contact Natasha Moss at 503/233-0663 for information.

Sa MAY 21***Celebrating Cedarwood 5th Annual Auction***

3030 SW 2nd Avenue – 5:45 to 10 PM

...and they lived happily ever after...an evening of live music by *Onehum*, elegant dessert & savory appetizers, fine wine & beer. A unique silent & live auction. Casual festive or fairytale attire, adults only please. Contact *Krista Sagli* at 503/283-3201 for details.

Su JUNE 12***First Class of the School of Spiritual Science***

Bothmer Hall – Discussion at 8:30 AM, class at 9:30 AM sharp For First Class members. Please contact *Jannebeth Röell* 503/249-3804.

Mo JUNE 13 – 16***Home-schooling Conference***

PWS – Times TBA

Offered by John Miles of the Micha-el Institute. Please contact the Micha-el Institute at 503/774-4946.

Sa JUNE 18***The Legend of the Weaver and the Herdboy***

Midland Library – 2 PM

Wool Horse Puppet Theater will perform an ancient Japanese tale suitable for all ages; also runs July 13 at Hillsdale library: For more information call *Cheri Munske* 503/772-2632.

Su JUNE 19***Branch Meeting***

Bothmer Hall – 3 to 5 PM

A community-wide gathering of Anthroposophical Society members and friends. Contact *Diane Ramage* 503/240-0908.

Su JUNE 19 - 30***Early Childhood Intensive Conference***

PWS – Call for Times

Offered by John Miles of the Micha-el Institute. Please contact the Micha-el Institute at 503/774-4946.

June 29***Puppetry, as a cure for the ills of a civilization***

Seattle, WA.

A three-year hands-on certificate course offered by *Willow Branch Puppet Theatre* on mastering glove puppets, 5-string silk & needle-felted wool marionettes and more. Register by June 15. For More information, please call *Dolores Rose Dauenhauer* 206/524-2561 or *wbpuppettheater@comcast.net*.

JULY 3 – 22***Teacher Deepening Conferences***

PWS – Call for Times

A series of intensive workshops for Waldorf School teachers on grades 1 through 8, offered by the Micha-el Institute. Please contact the Micha-el Institute at 503/774-4946.

Wed JULY 13***The Legend of the Weaver and the Herdboy***

Hillsdale Library – 2 PM

An all ages tale of an ancient Japanese tale perform by *Wool Horse Puppet Theater*. For more information call *Cheri Munske* 503/772-2632.

Su JULY 17***Branch Meeting – Tentative***

Bothmer Hall – 3 to 5 PM

A community-wide gathering of Anthroposophical Society members and friends. Contact *Diane Ramage* 503/240-0908.

JULY 18 – 22***Music & Speech Eurythmy Workshop***

Portland – 10 AM to Noon

Join a weeklong exploration of the art of movement with Music and Speech Eurythmy with *Francine Adams* and *Natasha Moss*. In eurythmy we experience the drama of color, the rhythmic quality of music, the forming quality of sculpture and the imaginative quality of poetry as we move the universal creative forces here on earth in our human capacity. We become partners of a living space. We dance with space as a poem or music unfolds through Eurythmy. The program will bring experienced eurythmists together with newcomers. Contact *Natasha Moss* at 503/233-0663 for information.

Su - Th JULY 24 - 28***Reincarnation and Karma with Christof Wiechert***

PWS - Sunday 6:30 Pm to Thursday Noon

A seminar offered by the Micha-el Institute with special guest lecturer ***Christof Wiechert***, *head of the Pedagogical Section of the Goetheanum*. The daily schedule includes artistic workshops, including Choral Speech, therapeutic painting, Eurythmy or Spacial Dynamics, clay modeling, copper beating and puppetry. Discount if paid before July 1; some scholarships available. *To learn more, contact John Miles at 503/774-4946.*

Su July 24 or 30 tentative

Portland

Oregon Biodynamics Group Summer Meeting

For directions and further information, contact Deborah Johnson Tel: 503/493-7449.

AUGUST 9 - 12***Advanced Eurythmy Workshop with Michael Leber***

Portland - 10 AM to Noon

Renowned eurythmist and master teacher ***Michael Leber of the Else-Klink-Ensemble, Stuttgart***, leads a workshop that is for those with prior experience. Contact Natasha Moss, Portland Eurythmy at 503/233-0663 for information.

August 11 - 14***Being Awake!***

In Ann Arbor, Michigan

A conference for Anthroposophical Society members and friends with the leaders of the worldwide Society. See the webpage link for additional information, program of events, lodging possibilities and contact information: <http://www.anthroposophy.org>. We will publish additional information on this conference as it becomes available.

Su AUGUST 21***Branch Meeting - Tentative***

Bothmer Hall - 3 to 5 PM

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Tu SEPT 20***Eurythmy Performance of Antonin Dvorak's New World Symphony***

Newmark Theater, Portland

Contact Don Marquiss for more information 503/233-0663

OCT 14 -16***National Biodynamic Conference***

Long Hungry Creek Farm in Red Boiling Springs, TN

The Biodynamic Farming and Gardening Association's annual conference. Contact Carrie Jo Caralyus at 503-239-5633 or check for ongoing updates: www.biodynamics.com/calendar.html

Fr-Su OCTOBER 21 - 23***General Anthroposophical Society Meeting***

Portland

The AGM comes to Portland! There will be many conversations and workshops to attend, and much for our branch to do to support this important gathering. Look to the newsletter for updates on the AGM. *For more information, contact Valerie Hope 503/775-0778.*

www.portlandbranch.com

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PORTLAND AREA WALDORF SCHOOLS

Rudolf Steiner education is thriving in Portland! Those schools that have participated in the Portland Area Waldorf Schools (PAWS) group in the past form the basis for this list. It also includes those educational initiatives currently advertising on bulletin boards at PWS, Cedarwood and the Steiner Storehouse. This list may be incomplete and we welcome additions or corrections as programs change and grow. There are also numerous summer programs being offered. Information about those is often available through established schools. May all of our endeavors to serve in the education of Portland's children grow and prosper!

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Early Childhood Programs:

Apple Blossom Nursery School 2033 SE 59th Ave Portland OR 97215
Carrie Riley 971 404-9291 crileyteach@aol.com
Two and three year olds, M-F, 8:30-12:30 aftercare to 5:30

Blossom House Nursery School 4000 NE Hassalo Portland OR
Cindy Smith 503 914-8408 Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:30

Heart in Hand Preschool 5609 NE 33rd Ave Portland OR 97211
Yvonne de Maat 503 287 4409 heartinhandpreschool@yahoo.com

Juniper School 2426 NE Fremont Portland OR 97212
Judyth Pisani 503 331-7144 Yoshiko Reents and Mary Brogan
3.5-6 year olds, Monday-Thursday, 9:00-1:00 Aftercare available

name TBA Milwaukie/SE Portland location TBA in mid-summer 2005
Anne Kollender (contact Chrystal Godleske 503 816-2440) Monday-Wednesday, 9:00-1:00

Lily Pad Preschool 314 NE 67th Ave Portland OR 97213
Ruthanne Noll and Asher Brill 503 255-5966 ruthanne@inline.com M-F, 9-1

Morning Glory Preschool 2536 NE 10th Ave Portland OR 97212
Claudia Scates 503 281 1433 Monday-Thursday, 9:00-1:00

Morning Sun Playgroup 2735 SE 22nd Ave Portland OR 97202
Paulette Marchand 503 239-9235 MTW, 9:00-12:00, 18 mos-3.5 yrs

New Day School 1825 SE Clinton St Portland OR 97214
Didi AnandaKrsnapriya 503 231-7425 www.newdayschool.org
A Neo-Humanist preschool with Steiner influences.

Southwest Kinderhaus 1747 SW Sunset Blvd Portland OR 97239
Kelly Brignell 503 293-1335 Monday-Wednesday, 9:00-1:00

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Spindlewood Preschool 113 NE Thompson St Portland OR 97212
Pamela Woods 503 335-0451 spindlewoodschool@juno.com

Windsong Preschool 12145 SE Flavel Portland OR 97266
Susan Conlon 503 762-9276 M-F, 9:00-1:00 3-6 year olds

Sunflower Preschool 18155 NW Sellers Road Banks OR 97106
Janice Hays 503 324-8852

Violet Garden Preschool 818 SE Lambert Portland OR 97202
Jodi Bothe 503 230-0089 3 day preschool, 2 day parent/child
In association with the Portland Waldorf School

Grades programs:

Cedarwood School 3030 SW 2nd Ave Portland OR 97201
503 245-1477 staff@cedarwoodschool.org fax 503 245-5405 www.cedarwoodschool.org
preschool, parent/child, kindergartens and grades 1-6 in 2005/6 to grade 8 in 2007/8
a developing school member of AWSNA

Portland Waldorf School 2300 SE Harrison Milwaukie OR 97222
503 654-2200 info@portlandwaldorfschool.org fax 503 652-5162 www.portlandwaldorfschool.org
parent/child, pre/k, kindergartens, grades 1-12 an AWSNA Certified School

Shining Star School 602 NE Prescott Portland OR 97213
Marsha Johnson 503 753-4459 Oregon7@aol.com www.shiningstarschool.com
A Waldorf Initiative School serving families and children from birth to age 11.

Swallowtail School PO Box 3753 Hillsboro OR 97123
503 846-0336 swallowtailsch@aol.com fax 503 846-1626

Teacher Training Institute:

Micha-el Institute 12160 SE Mt Scott Blvd Portland OR 97266
John Miles 503 774 4946 johncmiles@usa.net fax 503 777-9850 www.micha-elinstitute.com

This Portland Area Waldorf Schools list was prepared by Chrystal Godleske. May 2005. 503 816-2440



III ANTHROPOSOPHICAL PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS

Cities of Pátzcuaro and Erongarícuaro Michoacán, Mexico

THE ROLE OF THE AMERICAS IN THE HISTORY AND EVOLUTION OF HUMANITY

Dear Friends,

The third Anthroposophical American Congress will take place on the shores of Lake Patzcuaro, in the state of Michoacán west of Mexico City, during the [second week of September 2005](#).

We are providing you with this important information that we hope will answer many of your questions and concerns and will help you better prepare for the upcoming Congress.

1. In preparation for the Congress, we suggest reading from the Rudolf Steiner book, “Enigmas of the Universe, the Earth, and Men,” (“Welt, Erde, und Mensch” GA 105)
2. The morning conferences will be given by Mr Georg Glöckler and Dr. Michaela Glöckler.
3. The afternoon activities (brief conferences, work groups on different themes, artistic activities, etc.) will be open for the possible participation of friends from various countries.
4. Costs:
 - a. Option A: US\$ 350 Option A includes: lodging in 2 or 3 star hotel (double occupancy, from the night of the 9th until the morning of the 14th) in downtown Patzcuaro; Meals; and Fee for the Congress.
 - b. Option B: US\$ 500. Option B includes: lodging in a 4 star hotel; Meals; and Fee for the Congress

With either option, we will handle hotel reservations and down payments if you deposit a complete or partial payment in either of the bank accounts listed below (in the name of Octavio Reyes) and confirm [before July 10, 2005](#).

+ Banco Scotiabank: 044 180 00 1013 23 41 59

or

+ BBVA-Bancomer: 012 180 0044 5208 1811

Please, send an E- mail or Fax with a copy of the deposit for confirmation to:

octavio_reyessalas@yahoo.de

You may also register for the Congress after July 10, 2005, and if you do, we will attempt to secure accommodation, though prices may vary from those stated.

5. The Congress does not have adequate funds to defray costs for those unable to pay the full amount. If you are able, we invite you to pay for an additional registration. Donations collected will be distributed among those lacking funds.
6. For members of the First Class, there will be additional activities just after the formal end of the Congress, in the afternoon of the 14th and morning of the 15th.
7. To reach Pátzcuaro from Mexico City, take a direct bus from “Central Poniente-Observatorio”. The journey takes approximately 5 hours and costs around US \$25. If you are coming from outside Mexico, with sufficient notice we can organize to meet you at the airport and help you transfer to the bus station. Otherwise, if you arrive before the 9th of September, we can assist you with lodging in Mexico City, either with friends or in a basic hotel. In a later notice, we will provide firmer instructions on how to arrive, along with phone numbers of friends available to help. Guadalajara is 4 hours away by bus from Pátzcuaro, with at least one direct bus every morning.
8. Any suggestions and questions can be sent to the E-mail addresses that are written on the end of this announcement.
9. The first language of this conference is going to be Spanish, the second languages are going to be English and Portuguese. The main conferences given by Georg and Michaela Gloeckler will be in German, and simultaneously translated in Spanish and English. This conference is not for Spanish speakers only, it is for all the people interested in that theme through or by the light of Anthroposophy. There will be plenty of time during the Congress to meet people and establish relations.

We would like the Third Pan-American Anthroposophical Congress to be a true gathering of people from diverse regions who are interested in Anthroposophy, and that each participant returns home with renewed strength to continue their work.

We send you our best thoughts and enthusiasm for your participation in the Congress.

March 2005

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Note: LA Times ran a piece called Pátzcuaro: Heritage Shines in Crafts By CHRISTOPHER REYNOLDS on April 7, 2002. See this article at:

<http://www.latimes.com/travel/destinations/mexico/la-040702patzcuaro.story>



Los Angeles Times

SUMMER CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY THE ANTHROPOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN AMERICA

AUGUST 11—14, 2005

How do I awaken to the Spirit in myself? How do I awaken to the Sprit in the world? How do I awaken to the experience of becoming a true human being? These vital questions are the focus of “**Being Awake**”, a conference on inner life scheduled for August 11 – 14, 2005, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The conference is sponsored by the Anthroposophical Society in America, in close collaboration with the Anthroposophical Society in Canada, the General Anthroposophical Society, and the School of Spiritual Science.

Members and friends of the Society are invited to join us as we explore questions about our inner life, our relation to the outer world, and the full scope of our human tasks on earth. We will gather to experience insightful speakers, invigorating conversations, participatory workshops, and premiere performances. All six members of the Executive Council of the Goetheanum will be contributing along with six speakers from North America – the General Secretaries of the United States and Canada, plus Gary Lamb, Betty Staley and former General Secretary of the American Society, Arthur Zajonc. All will share with us their insights and questions gathered from a lifetime of working with the principles and indications of Rudolf Steiner and anthroposophy.

A rich tapestry of the arts and artistic workshops will weave throughout the conference, including choral speech and singing. In addition to our speakers, workshop presenters include Bert Chase, architecture; Antje Ghaznavi, eurythmy; Michael Howard, visual arts; Helen Lubin, speech; and Denis Schneider, creative writing. On Friday night, Glen Williamson and Laurie Portocarrero, actors and storytellers, will premiere a new piece based on Goethe’s fairy tale, *The Green Snake and the Beautiful Lily*. Saturday night we will share the premiere symphonic eurythmy performance of Dvorak’s *New World Symphony* with an international eurythmy ensemble and the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra. This will be the first opportunity to experience symphonic eurythmy on the North American continent in over twenty years.

Time and space has been set aside each day for gatherings of those who wish to network and develop further themes and questions arising out of mutual experiences and life work. An art exhibit, featuring members of the Visual Arts Section, is planned, and vendors from across North America have been invited to participate in the vendor fair.

To encourage family participation, child care will be provided. Separate programs will be offered for kindergarteners, children age seven – twelve, and teens. A travel fund has been established for those members in good standing who may need support in order to attend the conference. There is also assistance for members who are disabled, as well as work study opportunities. Programs are on a first come, first served basis. Contact the Society’s offices for details.

Brochures have been mailed out. To register online, visit the Society’s website at www.anthroposophy.org. For more information, visit our website or contact the Society’s offices at:
Tel. 734-662-9355
Fax. 734-662-1727
Email; conference2005@anthroposophy.org

—Marian Leon, for the Planning Committee

Being Awake Program August 11 – 14, 2005

Thursday, August 11 - *Wakefulness to New Ways of Thinking*

4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Registration
7:00 – 9:30 p.m. Welcome
Keynote address
The Challenge of Thinking with the Heart
Virginia Sease and MariJo Rogers
Music

Friday, August 12 - *Wakefulness to Myself*

8:45 – 10:30 a.m. Speech with Michael Steinrueck
Keynote address
The Soul-Awakening at the Threshold of the Spiritual World
Sergei Prokofieff and Arthur Zajonc

10:30 – 11:15 a.m. Break

11:15 – 1:00 p.m. Workshops – part 1
Please see section entitled “Workshops” for details

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Lunch

3:00 – 4:45 p.m. Singing with Dina Winter
Keynote address
Seeking Balance in Spiritual Development
Bodo von Plato and Joan Almon

5:00 p.m. Informal Gatherings (optional)
Dinner in dorms and restaurants

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Youth Section Meeting
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Reception honoring Henry Barnes

8:15 – 9:30 p.m. Performance by Glen Williamson
The Green Snake and the Beautiful Lily
based on Goethe’s fairy tale

Saturday, August 13 - Wakefulness to the World

- 8:45 – 10:30 a.m. Speech with Michael Steinrueck
 Keynote address: *Awakening to the World* - Paul Mackay and Betty Staley
- 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. Break
- 11:15 – 1:00 p.m. Workshops – part 2 Same groups as Friday morning
- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Lunch
- 3:00 – 4:45 p.m. Singing with Dina Winter
Keynote address: *Social Action and Spirituality* Cornelius Pietzner and Gary Lamb
- 5:00 p.m. Informal Gatherings (Optional)
 Dinner in dorms and restaurants
- 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Youth Section Meeting
 Artists' Reception
- 8:15 – 10:00 p.m. Premiere of *New World Symphony* – symphonic eurythmy featuring 26
international eurythmists and the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra

Sunday, August 14 - Wakefulness to Our Time

- 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Class Lesson XI
 Bring blue membership cards
- 9:15 – 11:00 a.m. Speech with Michael Steinrueck
 Keynote Address
 Eyes Wide Open: What Does Spiritual Research Embrace?
 Heinz Zimmermann and Philip Thatcher
- 11:00 – 11:45 a.m. Break
- 11:45 – 1:00 p.m. Closing Plenum – Rackham Auditorium
 Speech Chorus
 Offerings and conversation
 Singing

Workshops

Workshops are scheduled from 11:15 – 1:00 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday morning. Please sign up for one workshop and attend this workshop both days.

Time has been set aside each day, from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., for informal gatherings and conversation. Several rooms have been reserved in the Michigan League for this purpose. In addition, there are numerous lounges in the League and Rackham that can accommodate small group gatherings. Maps and floor plans of these buildings will be included in the conference packets.

Workshops:

The following workshops are based on themes that have been identified for research within the General Anthroposophical Section, which helps to cultivate the soul-spiritual life of the individual.

1. How do I deepen my inner life through inner exercises and meditation?
Heinz Zimmermann and MariJo Rogers
2. How do I understand karma and reincarnation in my personal life and in the world today?
Paul Mackay and Philip Thatcher
3. How do I understand the nature of the Christ Being today?
Virginia Sease and Arthur Zajonc
4. How do I understand the nature of the spiritual hierarchies?
Sergei Prokofieff and Joan Almon
5. How do I develop social competency and build community?
Cornelius Pietzner and Gary Lamb
6. How do I develop as a human being in relation to the issues of our times?
Bodo von Plato and Betty Staley

The following workshops offer artistic experiences than can nourish our daily lives.

7. The Spoken Word: Cultivating Humanness
Helen Lubin
8. Eurythmy: Experiencing Inner and Outer Movement
Antje Ghaznavi
9. Architecture's Future: Building the Body for Community
Bert Chase
10. Drawing on Our Creative Spirit: Individual and Group Drawing
Michael Howard
11. Opening the Door to Our Own Poetry
Denis Schneider

Meet Our Presenters

Joan Almon lives in Maryland where she served as a Waldorf early childhood educator and consultant to Waldorf schools in North America and abroad. She currently coordinates the work of the Alliance for Childhood and serves as co-General Secretary of the Anthroposophical Society in America.

Bert Chase was born in the United States but grew up in South America where he was deeply inspired by the rich history and archaeology of pre-Columbian cultures. He lives in Vancouver and in his work as an architect he integrates the ideas of Rudolf Steiner and his impulse for transformation.

Antje Ghaznavi lives in Toronto and is a performing, pedagogical and curative eurythmist. She taught children and adults in Germany, Switzerland, USA and Canada. She is a member of the Pedagogical Section Council in North America and of the Collegium of the School of Spiritual Science in North America.

Michael Howard is a freelance artist, teacher and writer living in Amherst, MA. He is a founding member of the Council of the Visual Arts Section, and a member of the Collegium of the School of Spiritual Science in North America. He has authored two books, *Art as Spiritual Activity: Rudolf Steiner's Contribution to the Visual Arts* and *Educating the Will*.

Gary Lamb is currently affiliated with two organizations working with Rudolf Steiner's social ideas - the Center for Social and Environmental Responsibility at Hawthorne Valley and the Institute for Social Renewal. He has worked in business management and non-profit administration and written a book, *The Social Mission of Waldorf Education*.

Helen Lubin is a speech artist currently focusing on the project, Speech and Drama in Waldorf Schools in the West, now in its 11th year. Her travels include several teacher education programs. She also works in private practice, is co-founder of The Speech School of North America and translator/editor of *Anthroposophy Worldwide*.

Paul Mackay studied economics and business administration and helped direct anthroposophically-based banks in the Netherlands and Germany. He joined the Executive Council of the General Anthroposophical Society in 1996 and for the past four years has served as leader of the Social Science Section.

Cornelius Pietzner attended a Waldorf school and later helped found Camphill Soltane, serving also as President of the Camphill Association of North America. He was on the Council of the Anthroposophical Society in America and currently serves as Treasurer and Executive Council member of the General Anthroposophical Society in Dornach. .

Sergei Prokofieff was born in Moscow where he studied art and history of art. He met Anthroposophy in his youth and decided to dedicate his life to it. He is active as a lecturer and author. In 1990 he co-founded the Anthroposophical Society in Russia, and in 2001 he joined the Executive Council of the General Anthroposophical Society at the Goetheanum.

MariJo Rogers lives in California where she works for a high tech company. A long-standing member of the Sacramento Faust Branch, she taught at the Sacramento Waldorf High School and Rudolf Steiner College. She is co-General Secretary of the Anthroposophical Society in America.

Denis Schneider lives in Montreal and is former president of the Anthroposophical Society in Canada. He is a member of the Section for the Social Sciences and Literary Arts and Humanities. His special interests include drawing, poetry, drama, biography work, threefolding and astrosophy.

Virginia Sease was born in Pennsylvania and earned her doctorate in German from the University of Southern California. She taught in a University and a Waldorf School in L.A. and has been a member of the Executive Council of the Goetheanum since 1984. She directs the English language Anthroposophical Studies Program at the Goetheanum.

Betty Staley has been a Waldorf teacher for over thirty-five years. She directs the Foundation Year and Waldorf High School programs at Rudolf Steiner College. In addition, she has been active in programs for public school teachers and teachers of At-Risk students there. She founded the Multi-cultural Committee of AWSNA.

Michael Steinrueck is a trained speech artist and works with speech in education, consulting and performance. He performs with Eurythmy Spring Valley and is the director of Creative Speech Spring Valley. He is a co-founder and faculty member of The Speech School of North America, a professional training in the art of Creative Speech.

Philip Thatcher is a former teacher of English, history and drama at the Vancouver Waldorf High School and author of *The Raven Trilogy*. He is a member of the Section for the Literary Arts and Humanities. He is currently serving as General Secretary for the Anthroposophical Society in Canada.

Bodo von Plato was born in Germany and studied history, philosophy, and Waldorf education. He was a high school teacher at the Waldorf School near Paris and was co-founder of a historical research institute in Heidelberg. He joined the Executive Council of the Goetheanum in 2001 and this is his first opportunity to visit North America.

Dina Winter studied opera in Europe and performed in operas in Italy and Germany for ten years. She trains opera singers in the Detroit area and elsewhere. Her greatest love is to bring everyone to song.

Arthur Zajonc is a professor of physics at Amherst College. For eight years he was General Secretary of the Anthroposophical Society in America and was active in the development of the Collegium of the School of Spiritual Science in North America.

Heinz Zimmermann was born in Basel, where he attended the Rudolf Steiner School. He received a doctorate at the University of Basel and taught there and later at the Rudolf Steiner School in Basel. He helped lead the teacher-training seminar in Dornach and was appointed to the Executive Council of the General Anthroposophical Society in 1988. He currently leads a foundation studies course there.

Registration Information

Fees: The conference fee includes admission to the Friday evening performance by Glen Williamson and Saturday evening's performance of the orchestral eurythmy production of Dvorak's *The New World Symphony*. Visa, MasterCard, and American Express are accepted. Please make checks payable to the **University of Michigan**. Refunds for registration are available if requested seven days prior to the conference, minus a \$65 processing fee. **Some work study assistance is available upon request.** Please call 734-662-9355 for more information. To register online visit <http://www.cms.housing.umich.edu/anthroposophy/register.htm>

The fee structure for the conference is:

Registering before June 30, 2005

Member: \$200 Non-member: \$250

Registering after June 30, 2005

Member: \$235 Non-member: \$285

Travel Vouchers: Modest funds have been set aside for members in good standing who may need assistance in order to attend the conference. Assistance is also available for members who are disabled. For details and to register for travel assistance, please call the Society office (734-662-9355). A coupon will be sent to you for the amount of assistance we can offer, **which you must then return with your registration form**. Assistance varies depending on the distance traveled, so members traveling the farthest will receive the largest sum. The amount of each coupon will range from \$50 - \$100 and will be deducted from your conference fee on the registration form. Funds are available on a first come, first served basis.

Location: The conference will be held on the campus of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Maps will be provided with registration confirmation.

Ann Arbor is located 25 miles west of Detroit Metro Airport (DTW). Several options are available for transportation to Ann Arbor, including rental cars, taxi service, metro cars and airport shuttles. Details will be provided with your registration confirmation, or you may visit <http://annarbor.org/visitorsguide/transportation.asp> for suggested providers.

Ann Arbor has a typical Midwestern climate. High temperatures in August are generally in the 80's (F) but can climb into the 90's during the day. All conference venues are air-conditioned, so please plan accordingly.

Meals: Morning and afternoon snacks are provided with your conference fee, but meals will be on your own. Ann Arbor has a bounty of fine restaurants all within walking distance of the University campus. Maps and recommendations will be included in your conference information packet. Meal plans are also available through the University regardless of your housing arrangements. Please see the registration form for details.

Overnight Accommodations:

Accommodations for conference participants have been arranged with the University and with local hotels. Hotel space is at a premium because of other conferences occurring in Ann Arbor at this time. However, the University has plenty of space and has provided the following options:

The *Executive Residence* is a hotel style of housing located within the Business School. Rooms are double occupancy with a private bath. A continental breakfast is provided. Call them at 734-647-1000 to reserve a room. Mention "Steiner" to access our block of rooms.

Several options are available within the University residence hall system. Call **Conference Management Services** at 734-764-5297 to find out more.

In addition, we have rooms blocked at the following hotels:

Bell Tower Hotel, located at 300 S. Thayer, is one block from our conference venue. Their room rate is \$149/night for one person, and \$171/night for two. Call them at 1-800-562-3559 to make your reservation. Mention "Steiner" to receive our special rate.

Hampton Inn North offers rooms for up to four people at the special rate of \$129/night if you reserve prior to July 10. Continental breakfast is included, and there is a pool. Located at 2300 Green Road (at Plymouth & US 23). For reservations call them at 734-996-4444; mention "Steiner" for the special rate.

Kensington Court Hotel, located at 610 Hilton Boulevard, offers rooms for \$98/night if you register before July 4. Phone 734-761-7800 to make your reservation (fax: 734-995-1085). Be sure to mention "Steiner" to receive the special rate.

If you are attending one of the conferences or meetings scheduled in Ann Arbor preceding this conference, be sure to mention this when reserving your room through University Housing or the above listed hotels to prevent the need to change rooms during your Ann Arbor stay.

Childcare will be available for out-of-town guests. The childcare fee of \$40/day per child includes lunch and snacks. Programs will occur at the Rudolf Steiner School of Ann Arbor, 2775 Newport Rd. The school is located approximately 5 miles from the conference site. Children will need to be dropped off by 8:15 a.m. and picked up by 5:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Hours for Sunday will be from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Childcare will include a preschool/kindergarten group (3-6 years) and a program for the older children (7 – 12 years). Supervised activities can be arranged for young teens if necessary. To register for childcare, please visit our website

(www.anthroposophy.org) or call the Society office. Phone: 734-662-9355; Fax: 734-662-1727; email: conference2005@anthroposophy.org

If you cancel your childcare reservation less than one week before the conference, childcare fees will be refunded at 50%.

Additional Information:

For assistance and questions regarding registration or logistics, please contact UM Conference Management Services, 627 Oxford, Ann Arbor, MI 48104-2634. Phone: 734-764-5297; Fax: 734-764-1557; or visit <http://www.cms.housing.umich.edu/>

To find out more about visiting Ann Arbor, visit the Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau at www.annarbor.org

To register for childcare, request a travel voucher, sign up for work-study, or if you have additional questions or concerns, please contact the Anthroposophical Society in America, 1923 Geddes Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. Phone: 734-662-9355; Fax: 734-662-1727; email: conference2005@anthroposophy.org; website: www.anthroposophy.org