

WECAN Teacher Education Report

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It's an exciting time for WECAN Member Institute colleagues. This summer welcomed a time of rebirth for many: students new and old were welcomed to the institutes to complete their training, begin new training courses, or participate in a whole array of interesting new professional development offerings. Early childhood teacher education colleagues are embracing the new normal now in full swing. Congratulations to those who began new cohorts and to those whose students are completing their studies.

This summer, two institutes received site visits from WECAN. Congratulations to [Sophia's Hearth](#) for the renewal of their WECAN Full Membership and to [Great Lakes Waldorf Institute](#) for their Associate Membership renewal. The WECAN site visitor was impressed with the quality of education she witnessed at these institutes. Site visits to additional Member Institutes are planned for this school year.



[Sophia's Hearth](#), Keene NH

Our first Teacher Educator Zoom meeting this new school year took place on September 3rd, when institute leaders heard about exciting professional development opportunities on the horizon. They are grateful for invitations to participate in WECAN's series of workshops with Alma Partners and to join monthly Zoom meetings of the International Teacher Education Forum (ITEF) from the Pedagogical Section in Dornach, as well as the IASWECE Early Childhood Trainers' Network, where they can engage with colleagues from around the world who are active in teacher education and research.

We all look forward to the year ahead with many opportunities to raise our consciousness together. I am full of gratitude and admiration for the creativity and perseverance of our Member Institute early childhood teacher educators. They have risen to meet challenges and overcome many obstacles in recent years to provide their students with the best possible Waldorf early childhood teacher education.



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