

News from the Membership Office

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As this school year comes to a close, we wish to thank all of our members and affiliates for the numerous ways you collaborate with your colleagues in WECAN - visiting one another for observation and mentoring, hosting and attending regional gatherings, traveling to in-person conferences, engaging in webinar events, attending trainings and workshops hosted by member institutes, carrying one another in your thoughts through hardship, donating to programs in need, writing and reading WECAN books and Gateways articles, etc. From a material perspective, your dues payments play a significant role in making it possible for WECAN as an association to support Waldorf Early Childhood education. Much more importantly, the spiritual activity generated by your interest in anthroposophy, young children, and one another is what truly makes our movement thrive!

The membership office has been very busy this year. We appreciate the work that programs put into drafting reports and hosting visits. While the task of self-study and peer review can seem daunting, the feedback we get from early childhood faculties is that they're happy to be recognized for their work and gratified to have their strengths and challenges reflected back to them by our site visitors.

New Full Member: Since my last report we've welcomed [Waldorf Educational Society of Edmonton and WISE Charter School](#) (formerly Waldorf Independent School of Edmonton) in Edmonton, Alberta as a Full Member. This school community has both an independent early childhood program serving children from birth to 5 and a charter kindergarten program for 5- to 6-year-olds. They moved from Associate to Full Membership this April. Congratulations!

New Associate Members: We're also delighted to have welcomed 2 new Associate Members this year. We encourage you to check out their websites to become familiar with these new member schools!



- [Rainbow Gardens](#) is an early childhood-only program in Northfield, Vermont. They're currently serving around 30 children from infants to 6-year-olds in Parent-Child, Nursery, and Preschool classes.



- [Lakota Waldorf School](#) maintains Lakota language and culture through free Waldorf education for Native families on the Pine Ridge Reservation. They serve children from mixed-age kindergarten through grade 8 in a beautiful, purpose-built school on the prairie outside of Kyle, South Dakota.

In addition to these member programs, we also welcomed a new Registered Initiative Affiliate in Mexico. Please join us in welcoming **Semilla Dorada** in Tulum, Quintana Roo.

The following programs have completed membership processes since we last reported this fall.

Associate Member Renewals:

- Anchorage Waldorf School in Anchorage, Alaska
- Comunidad Educativa Waldorf Baaxal in Puerto Morelos, Quintana Roo
- Eastside Community School in Issaquah, Washington
- Swallowtail Waldorf School and Farm in Cornelius Oregon

Full Membership Renewals:

- Acorn Hill in Silver Spring, Maryland
- Central Coast Waldorf School (formerly Wishing Well School) in Los Osos, California
- Da Vinci Waldorf School in Wauconda, Illinois
- Escuela Waldorf de Cuernavaca in Cuernavaca, Morelos
- Meadowsweet Waldorf Early Childhood Center at The Camphill School in Glenmoore, Pennsylvania
- Orchard Valley Waldorf School in East Montpelier, Vermont
- Susquehanna Waldorf School in Marietta, Pennsylvania
- Tamarack Waldorf School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Toronto Waldorf School in Thornhill, Ontario
- Waldorf School of Lexington in Lexington, Massachusetts
- The Waldorf School of Tampa Bay in Palm Harbor, Florida

Congratulations to all of you for completing your membership processes and best wishes for a lovely summer!