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Happy Holidays ... During this festive but wildly busy holiday season, AWSNA is thinking of you. During all the activity of winter concerts, caroling, plays and parties, remember the richness of our Waldorf culture: find quiet moments to celebrate, remember gratitude, share peace. In our busy, materialistic world, it helps to remember the light each member of our community brings to the world.

Plan for the warmth of June in Atlanta as we embark on a three-year journey exploring adolescence and how to work together to build vibrant K-12 programs. The 2010 AWSNA Summer Conference is from June 22 - 25. Come and hear keynote speakers Betty Staley, Douglas Gerwin, Michele Starr, and Arthur Pittis speak on this important topic, plus join in on focus groups, artistic workshops, roundtable discussions, and more. This year's conference is hosted by Waldorf School of Atlanta and Academe of the Oaks, promising gracious southern hospitality on their beautiful wooded sites with splendid gardens in the heart of Atlanta.

Calling all doors ... those of you who have seen the latest Annual Report will notice that we've been collecting photographs of the doors to all Waldorf schools. If you haven't yet sent the photo of your school's front door to us, please do so as soon as possible! Photos should be a high resolution (300 DPI) from a face front angle, showing the complete door with minimal distractions (leave out signs, people, or plants.) Send to sdinan@awsna.org.

Now is your chance to make a spiritual journey to the Holy Land while visiting Waldorf schools working for peace in the Middle East! Join Waldorf parents Jewish Renewal Rabbis Victor and Nadya Gross, Imam Jihad Turk, and Shepha Schneirsohn Vainstein, co-founder of Salaam Shalom Educational Foundation on an Interfaith Spiritual Pilgrimage to Israel and Palestine, March 21, 2010 to April 2, 2010. This will be a philanthropic and spiritual journey to visit Jewish/Arab Waldorf communities to support a new paradigm for healing and peace. This unique pilgrimage will also visit sites holy to all three Abrahamic religions and schools for Jewish and Arab children in Galilee.

AWSNA's continuing work on the Service Mark has engendered interest in some government funded schools to take up the new licensing offered by AWSNA. These schools recognize the significant differences in public schools from independent schools and have expressed gratitude for our continued work in protecting the name 'Waldorf.'