



Interest, Insight and Initiative

A workshop offered for developing Pedagogical Leadership
Hosted by The Lexington Waldorf School, Lexington, MA

Dear Friends,

You are invited to attend a weekend workshop March 16th, 17th and 18th, 2012. This workshop will continue the work we began last March on **pedagogical leadership**; we will focus on strengthening our ability to navigate the tension (and sometimes conflict) between the perceived needs of teachers and staff, and the perceived needs of the school, creating bridges of deeper understanding. You are welcome to come even if you did not attend last year. Jon McAlice will join us again to guide us through the weekend, hosted by our colleagues at the Lexington Waldorf School. This workshop will be geared toward faculty leadership positions, yet all interested colleagues are encouraged to attend.

In “The Philosophy of Freedom,” written many years before the beginning of the Waldorf School, Rudolf Steiner characterized the quality of social relationship that would come to expression in his work with the teachers:

To live in love towards his actions, and to let live in the understanding of the other person's will, is the fundamental maxim of the free individual.... The free individual lives in confidence that he and what is free in the other belong to one spiritual world, and that their intentions will harmonize. He does not demand agreement from his fellow man, but expects to find it because it is inherent in human nature. I am not referring here to the necessity for this or that institution, but to the disposition, the attitude of soul, through which a man, aware of himself among his fellows, most clearly expresses the ideal of human dignity.

The striving to bring this ideal into daily practice underlies both our work in the classroom and our work together as colleagues. Balancing it with the perceived demands of the institutional realities of our schools often creates ongoing, painful struggles. We can find ourselves facing situations in which the needs of the individual are in direct conflict with what appear to be the needs of the school.

In this workshop we want to challenge one another to take a step towards strengthening the skills needed to work creatively with the tension between these two realms. We will work on questions of collegiality, collaborative accountability, and explore the relationship between the shared striving to meet children's needs and the individual's path to freedom. Opportunities will be offered for participants to work actively with the questions we face in our schools. Eurythmy as shared artistic work will enliven our work.

Please consider joining us for this exciting work to strengthen our schools.

Warmest regards,

Michele Starr

Leadership Council Representative for the Northeast/Quebec region.

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Registration Form

We will begin at 7:30 pm Friday, March 16th and conclude at 12:30 pm Sunday, March 18th.

Lunch on Saturday and snacks will be provided.

Our shared study material:

“Deeper Insights in Education” (lecture 3, October 16th, 1923 by Rudolf Steiner):
A Comprehensive Knowledge of Man as the Source for Imagination in the Teacher

Please read this lecture in preparation for our work.

Cost: \$225.00 (Discounted if registration *and payment* are received before March 2nd)

Please PRINT clearly:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Home address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

School _____

Position _____

Conference Fee (check the appropriate line):

- \$225.00 Conference fee
- \$150.00 Discounted Fee if registration form *and payment* are mailed by March 2nd, 2012

Please note: You are responsible to book your own housing. Housing suggestions are enclosed.

Make checks payable to Lake Champlain Waldorf School. (Although registration is through LCWS, the workshop is being hosted at the Lexington Waldorf School.)

Mail registration form and full payment to:

Michele Starr, Lake Champlain Waldorf School, 359 Turtle Lane, Shelburne, VT 05482

(For questions either email starr@vtnaturalmed.com, or leave a message at 802-578-1382)

Places to stay in Lexington, Massachusetts:
These are only suggestions!
Please book early for availability and best rates!

1. Lexington bed and breakfast & inns.
<http://www.bedandbreakfast.com/lexington-massachusetts.html>
Lexington, Massachusetts Bed and Breakfast and Inns directory.
Wide selection Lexington B&Bs to choose from.
2. This Old House Bed and Breakfast - Lexington, Massachusetts ...
[http://www.bedandbreakfast.com/massachusetts-lexington-This Old House Bed and Breakfast Bed and Breakfast Inn - view photos, description, make reservations at this Lexington, Massachusetts B&B](http://www.bedandbreakfast.com/massachusetts-lexington-This%20Old%20House%20Bed%20and%20Breakfast%20Bed%20and%20Breakfast%20Inn-%20view%20photos,%20description,%20make%20reservations%20at%20this%20Lexington,%20Massachusetts%20B&B)
3. Morgan's Rest Bed and Breakfast
<http://www.morgansrestbandb.com/> Morgan's Rest Bed and Breakfast is located in Lexington, Massachusetts.
4. Concord Massachusetts Hawthorne Inn Country Bed and Breakfast ...
<http://www.concordmass.com/>
5. Concord MA Historic Inn | Concord's Colonial Inn | Concord Hotel.
www.concordcolonialinn.com/
6. Quality Inn & Suites 440 Bedford St., Lexington, MA, 02420 Phone: (781) 861-0850
<http://www.qualityinnlexington.com/>
7. Holiday Inn Express 385 Winter St. Waltham , Massachusetts 02451, Hotel Front Desk: (781) 890-2800
<http://www.hiexpress.com/hotels/us/en/waltham/wtmma/hoteldetail/directions>
8. Element Lexington 727 Marrett Road - B • Lexington, MA 02421 Phone: (781) 761-1750
http://deals.elementhotels.com/Element-Lexington-Hotel-3210/so.htm?PS=PS_aa_SelectElement_ElementLexington_060110_NAD_FM