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Dear Friends and Supporters of WISC,

Of the ten individuals who are graduating from WISC LA and San Diego this May, most either are already teachers in a Waldorf school or are in the process of accepting their first Waldorf teaching position! It is gratifying to see how well WISC's mission and reason for being are expressed in these capable and dedicated teachers and teachers-to-be. Beyond their various creative abilities, these students take to heart the need for continuing self-development that Rudolf Steiner considered to be essential for the Waldorf teachers. In the original, foundational course for the first Waldorf teachers we read:

*For you can only become good teachers and educators if you pay attention not merely to what you **do**, but also to what you **are**.* (Lecture 1, *Study of Man*, August 21, 1919.)

*We must take great care that there are [human beings] who know that progress in the social sphere demands and depends upon more intimate understanding of the human being in the sphere of education.* (Lecture 4, *Study of Man*, August 25, 1919.)

In this springtime, as the natural world is replenishing and growing, our focus in WISC is seeking replenishing and growth through introducing some new variations in our teacher education program and new efforts to increase enrollment.

- Our board of trustees is expanding and in a time of re-visioning its roles and goals.
- Our relationships with the Waldorf schools in our areas are becoming partnerships in the process of educating our student teachers.
- Enrollment in both the SD and LA programs is several students under ideal, so that while we have enough students to meet our social and pedagogical intentions, we are not meeting the financial ones – i.e. we are operating with a deficit budget!

We hereby invite you, a friend of WISC and Waldorf education, to consider doing three things:

1. Recommend the WISC teacher education program to anyone you think might be interested. (We hold monthly Open Visiting Mornings in LA and Open Houses and visiting options in SD.)
2. Attend our graduation in LA or SD.
3. Make as generous a donation as you feel able to do – we need it!

With warm greetings and gratitude from the WISC core group,

Ania, Alex, John, Jean and Mia for WISC LA  
Jacqueline, Charlotte, Johanna and Liza for WISC SD

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