

Registration & Accommodations

The

2026 Assembly of Kinlein

will be held at:

Benedictine Center of St. Paul's Monastery

2675 Benet Road
St Paul, MN 55109

Assembly is open to the public.

To register as a guest, please contact:

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Principles of Kinlein Practice

- Esca exists in every person
- Moving in esca is affected by the sense of responsibility and the sense of control
- Moving in esca is affected by the recognition of the dignity of every person
- Moving in esca is affected by the sense of respect for self and for others
- Moving in esca is affected by the realization that a person knows self better than another can know that self
- Moving in esca is affected by the process of full listening without interruption
- A person can be assisted in moving in esca in a way that benefits self and others



2026 Assembly of Kinlein

AN ANNUAL GATHERING

October 14–19, 2026
St. Paul, Minnesota

www.kinlein.org

About Kinlein Assembly

The **American Kinlein Association (AKA)** plans and convenes the annual Assembly of Kinlein, a coming together of kinleiners from across the nation. The Assembly highlights all aspects of the Profession of Kinlein from two perspectives: the functions of the American Kinlein Association, which guide and oversee the Practice of Kinlein and the functions of the **National Center of Kinlein/Institute of Kinlein (NCK/IOK)**, which provide educational offerings for kinleiners and for the public. The NCK/IOK also considers and reviews research within the Profession.

During AKA proceedings, professional matters are reported and discussed. Actions are taken in accordance with the purpose, functions, and operations of the organization.

Concurrently, the NCK/IOK conducts its annual Board of Directors meeting during which the ongoing work of developing the infrastructure of the National Center of Kinlein is reported. All kinleiners participate in discussions and decisions.

The Courtyard of Scholars: Seminars on Practice, Education and Research offers a forum for kinleiners to review research, professional activities, and significant developments within the profession. The Seminars feature presentations by individual kinleiners as well as interactive segments for addressing questions and exploring additional topics. **Regional professional activities** are discussed during the Seminar, which fosters thoughtful consideration and dialogue regarding the diverse opportunities to practice.

Assembly proceedings are open to the public, except when confidential aspects of client appointments are discussed.

Remembering Beloved Colleagues

For every thing there is a season, and a time for every purpose under Heaven.

During the last year, three former colleagues passed on to a higher call. Each one held a unique place in our profession and in our hearts.

Jeanette Tedesco, PhD, CPK 1941–2025



Soon after the close of Assembly in October of 2025, kinleiners received word that a long-time kinlein colleague, Jeannette Tedesco, had passed away. During her years in kinlein practice (1987–2024) Jeannette was instrumental in bringing kinlein to Connecticut, mentoring new kinleiners and offering appointments to many clients. She regularly attended kinleinal professional events and served as kinleiner of reference for finances for the American Kinlein Association. Despite facing health challenges and declining mobility, Jeanette maintained a strong spirit of enthusiasm, graciousness, and cheerfulness.

Annette James, DK, CPK 1938–2026



When Annette James met Lucille Kinlein in 1972, she was a professor of nursing at a college in West Virginia. She would describe experiencing a "paradigm shift" that led her to resign her professorship and open a practice of kinlein. She is noted for being the first kinleiner after Founder Kinlein. Her pursuit of practice, study,

research and writing left a rich legacy for those who follow behind.

In a remembrance gathering in April, 2026, colleagues spoke of her as a "force", as intellectual, humorous, and deeply spiritual and recalled her southern hospitality, her love for music and singing hymns, and her intense dedication to her work.

After completing her dissertation: *The Origin of the Science of the Processes of Assisting the Client in Moesca* (1998), she was awarded a doctorate in kinlein, the first and only kinleiner to date to achieve this level of recognition.

Annette is one of a finite number of kinleiners known as pioneers in the profession.

Katherine Lorensen, CHT, RMT, CPK 1949–2026



In August, kinleiners received the sad news that another colleague had passed away. Katherine had retired in 2022 but maintained contact with colleagues after that time. Certified in 1987, she was one of the group of student kinleiners in Connecticut who studied with Lucille Kinlein prior to the establishment of the formal curriculum of the Kinleinal Program of Study. This marked the ending of an era of less formal study and the beginning of a new era of formalized study within the Institute of Kinlein. In her public obituary, her family wrote: She put all her life's wisdom to work and completed her studies at the Institute of Kinlein. Katherine opened her practice in 1992, helping countless people recognize their power within... She was truly a source of light and love to everyone around her.

Wednesday, October 14

2026 National Assembly of Kinlein

9:00 am: Welcome from the Kinleiner of Reference (KOR) for Assembly Location
Loretta Ulmschneider, CPK

Convene American Kinlein Association (AKA) Proceedings

Welcome and Address from KOR for AKA
Victoria Jenkins, CPK

Financial Report of AKA
Bonny Nelson, CPK

Practice Focus Group Report
Victoria Jenkins, CPK

Review Proposals and List KOR Offerings to Be Considered
Victoria Jenkins, CPK

Recess AKA Proceedings

12:00 pm: Lunch

Convene National Center of Kinlein (NCK) and Institute of Kinlein (IOK) Board of Directors Annual Meeting

2:00 pm: Welcome from KOR for IOK
Loretta Ulmschneider, CPK

Report of Institute of Kinlein
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Report of Development Coordinator
A. Kay Alley, CPK

NCK Publishing Focus Group Report
Mary Bolin, CPK & A. Kay Alley, CPK

Awareness Action Group Report
Kim Rice, CPK

Recess NCK/IOK Proceedings

5:00 pm: Break for the Day

Thursday, October 15

Reconvene NCK/IOK Proceedings

9:00 am: Reconvene NCK/IOK Board of Directors Annual Meeting

Loretta Ulmschneider, KOR for IOK

Financial Investment Focus Group Report
Linda Waggoner, CPK

Financial & Non-Profit Status of NCK/IOK
A. Kay Alley, CPK & Dawn Baily, CPK

Research Focus Group Report
Janice Winther, CPK

Kinleinal Dictionary Focus Group Report
Mary Giles, CPK

12:00 pm: Lunch

2:00 pm: Planning and Priorities Focus Group Report
A. Kay Alley, CPK

Transcribing Focus Group Report
Victoria Jenkins, CPK

Material Accessibility
A. Kay Alley, CPK

Future Development of NCK/IOK

Review Proposals and KOR Offerings to Be Considered
Loretta Ulmschneider, KOR for IOK

Recess NCK/IOK Proceedings

5:00 pm: Break for the Day

Friday, October 16

Convene Courtyard of Scholars: Seminars on Practice, Education & Research

9:00 am: On Writing
Mary Bolin, CPK

Gleanings from Teaching Community Classes
Loretta Ulmschneider, CPK

12:00 pm: Lunch

2:00 pm: Continuing Conversations: AI & Tech
Mary Giles, CPK

Kinleinal Body of Knowledge
Victoria Jenkins, CPK

Open Discussion

Recess Courtyard of Scholars

5:00 pm: Break for Day

Please note:

Each day begins at 9 am with an opening time of reflection and centering. All Assembly activities will proceed in the order listed. Mid-morning and mid-afternoon breaks will occur as warranted.

Saturday, October 17

Reconvene Courtyard of Scholars

9:00 am: Keynotes Revisited

Linda Waggoner, CPK

Communication Studies and Moving in Esca

Kim Pichiarella, CPK

12:00 pm: Lunch

2:00 pm: Regional Professional Activities

Anchorage & Palmer, Alaska

Florida & Homer, Alaska

Maryland

Minnesota

Nevada

Tennessee

Wisconsin

Recess Courtyard of Scholars

5:00 pm: Break for the Day

Sunday, October 18

Reconvene Courtyard of Scholars

9:00 am: Dialectics

Victoria Jenkins, CPK

10:30 am: Sunday Morning Recess & Lunch

2:00 pm: Continuing Conversations:

Gender Theory

Mary Giles, CPK

Bonny's Ponderings

Bonny Nelson, CPK

Open Discussion

Recess Courtyard of Scholars

5:00 pm: Break for the Day

Monday, October 19

Reconvene AKA Proceedings

9:00 am: Action on Proposals; Decisions for
Assembly 2027; Acceptance of KOR Offers

Victoria Jenkins, KOR for AKA

Adjourn AKA Proceedings

Reconvene NCK/IOK Board of Directors

Proposals, Decisions & Actions

Loretta Ulmschneider, KOR for IOK

Adjourn NCK/IOK Board of Directors

12:00 pm: Lunch

Reconvene Courtyard of Scholars

2:00 pm: Open Discussion

Highlights of Assembly 2026

Adjourn Courtyard of Scholars

Adjourn Assembly of Kinlein 2026

5:00 pm: Dinner

