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Rationale:

The basic driving force in these changes has been the tremendous dissonance between our students' desire to share the material with others and the increasing difficulties of doing so through videocourse groups in today's society. The second driving force is our continued re-positioning ourselves as an online educational institute and the steadily increasing interest in our self-study and scheduled online courses. These factors have created a need for some change in the way we are doing things. We hope that what we have come up with will be a solution that will not only serve our mission better but also our students and facilitators.
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1. **We are RETIRING** our existing 2-year facilitator training program but not our support for our facilitators or facilitators-in-training. The changes for them will be minimal.

2. **We are OPENING** up our Support Centre membership (including access to Gordon's master classes) to graduates of our 'foundational studies' (Intensives 1-3, Emotion and Play 101) regardless of whether they are wanting to be involved in course facilitation or not. The rate for Support Centre membership is $200 per year. Entry is conditional upon the satisfactory completion of a case study exercise meant to demonstrate comprehension of material taken in the foundational studies.

3. **We are CHANGING** the nature of our equipping process for facilitating courses to a SELF-STUDY/SELF-SERVE MODEL where support centre members can choose from a wide menu of facilitation studies as well as arrange for personal consults from a list of participating faculty and senior course facilitators. Instead of a tuition-based program, this will be available to all Support Centre Members on a pay-as-you-go system. Suggestions will be provided for how to construct one's own customized program of facilitation studies.
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4. **We are SWITCHING** our application/selection process from entry into a training program to that of being LISTED on our website. We will be restricting future listing to those who are ACTIVE in facilitating courses (2 groups within the last 2 years). We are increasing the benefits of LISTING to include complementary Support Centre Membership. This is scheduled to be come into effect in January 2021.

5. **We are RESERVING** our future online-campus-course-facilitation-training for Support Centre members who we invite to help us support and deliver our scheduled and self-study campus courses. We will list the graduates of this in-house specialized training as *Campus Course Facilitators* and entitle them to run their own campus course groups and videocourse groups.

6. **We are EXPANDING** our support for study groups to Intensive 2 graduates. Study group topics will include Gordon's and Deborah's books, *Relationship Matters*, selected video material and some videocourse selections as well. This support will be available through the Advanced Center at the $120 campus membership fee. Advanced Centre members are able to register for advanced versions of our courses. All Support Centre members will automatically have access to the Advanced Centre as well. This should be in place by September 2020.
NEXT STEPS for graduates of our FOUNDATIONAL STUDIES

Foundational Studies = Intensives 1-3, Emotion and Play 101

If reading this before August 15, 2019 ....

a. If Support Centre membership appeals (with its access to master classes as well as facilitation studies and consults), then the next step is to prepare a qualifying case study exercise and email it to Genevieve Schreier by August 15, 2019. You can expect a response by the end of August, together with an invoice for the Support Centre membership fee. See following page for details.

b. If you can get the qualifying case study exercise in by August 15th, Tamara Strijack is scheduled to give the Vital Connection course online this Fall (beginning October 8th), complete with a facilitation module for any Support Centre members who are interested, so you would be off to a good start. Registration for this class would open by September 3rd. In addition, we have a Case Study Master Class with Dr. Neufeld scheduled for September 28th.

c. Alternatively, you can subscribe at the regular campus subscription rate of $120 which doesn't include Support Centre and Master Class access but does enable you to register for the advanced versions of the courses where available. You can upgrade your campus subscription at a later time when you are ready.
Qualifying Case Study Exercise

DESCRIPTION – Make sense of a child in your life or in literature using the understandings gleaned from the foundational studies.

STYLE – essay style

PARAMETERS – 4-6 pages maximum

DUE DATE – August 5, 2019 if wanting to get into the Support Centre for September and in time for the Vital Connection facilitation course and the Fall master class line-up. Otherwise, when you are ready.

FORMAT – send the document as a PDF

SEND TO – Genevieve Schreier

QUESTIONS – send through the Inquiry feature of the website