Dear incoming service, leadership, and management students,

Welcome to the community of students and faculty in SIT’s MA in Intercultural Service, Leadership, and Management (SLM) program. We look forward to meeting you this fall!

The community of which you will be a part is a community of learners—faculty, students, and staff alike. The SIT community includes people from all over the world, with an overall commitment to social change. Your SLM degree at SIT is an excellent stepping stone to begin—or further expand upon—your career in exciting and challenging fields.

To better prepare you for the start of the school year, here are two recommended books to provide perspectives that represent some of the interesting and challenging ideas and experiences that you will discuss and with which you will grapple as an SIT Graduate Institute student:

- *Blessed Unrest: How the Largest Social Movement in History Is Restoring Grace, Justice, and Beauty to the World*, by Paul Hawken

- *Neither Wolf nor Dog and The Wolf at Twilight: An Indian Elder’s Journey through a Land of Ghosts and Shadows*, by Kent Nerburn

When you are on campus, you will meet with your faculty advisor to discuss your interests and ideas. In addition, the other faculty, staff, and your own graduate colleagues will help to provide the perspective and ideas you will need to plan for your complete graduate degree. Your on-campus plan of study will provide the foundation for your reflective practice phase.

You have chosen an exciting program and we look forward to meeting and working with you. Together we will discover new ways to view the work that we do in the world!

Sincerely,

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