

The Christian Community in New England

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Passiontide 2010

Dear Friends and Members of the Christian Community,



The time of Passiontide and Holy Week prepares us for the joys of Easter and Resurrection. Many of you feel that this time challenges us to confront ourselves with our weaknesses and failures as individuals and as human beings in general. We come to realize what we have not yet accomplished. A distance between ourselves and the divine might be felt more strongly than in other seasons.

You might wish to do some study on your own while you walk the path of Passiontide. Here are some readings that may be a source of inspiration:

Gospel of John, Chapter 8 (for the time before Holy Week)

Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 21 (especially suitable for Palm Sunday)

Emil Bock, The Three years, Chapter 9 (About Pontius Pilate and the persecution process)

Emil Bock, The Three Years, Chapter 10 (Contains texts about each day of Holy Week, good to read on a daily basis during that time because it explains the divine composition of the events in the seven days before Easter, and gives each day a unique quality.)

*Yours Warmly,
Julia Polter*

Here are some more events and news to share:

Future Now!

The Christian Community will host an international conference in Dortmund, Germany at Pentecost, May 21 - 25, 2010. Many workshops will be in English. Dozens and dozens of workshops are being offered. To see more, visit the conference web site at <http://futurenow2010.org/>. At the very top of the page on the right, click English.

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Trip to Germany, Switzerland and France in 2011 with the Boston Congregation

In recent years some of you have expressed the wish to travel to Europe with a group of members and friends of the Christian Community. I have now come up with a possible itinerary for a two-week journey, during which we could visit cultural highlights, churches and Anthroposophical initiatives in a region where the three countries of Germany, France and Switzerland share their borders. All are within very close proximity. Places and attractions included are: Stuttgart (First Waldorf School, Priest Seminary, Anthroposophical Church Architecture), Karlsruhe (Birthplace of Kaspar Hauser, medieval art), Strasbourg, Mount of Odile (a Celtic sacred space, relics of Lazarus), Colmar (Isenheim Altar Piece), a day of hiking in the Vogeses, Dornach (Goetheanum), Basel. The time of travel would be in the early summer. The particulars could be arranged according to the wishes of the participants. Please let me know by April 30th if you are possibly interested and would like more information. (Phone 617 522 2972) A planning meeting will then be arranged.

Pastoral – Medical Conferences in New England in August – *please mark your calendar!*

After the founding of the Christian Community Rudolf Steiner suggested that priests and medical doctors should establish a culture of working together. Both professions relate to the Christ in their unique way and try to bring his healing forces into the world. In the summer Dr. Hans-Broder von Laue, a medical doctor from Germany who specializes in cancer treatment, will visit us for two conferences. Broder has been active in the pastoral-medical field for several decades and will bring his wife Elke, an experienced Therapeutic Eurythmist, to work with us. The conference dates are: August 13-15 at the Alcyon Center, Seal Cove, Maine: “Becoming aware how spirit and substances work together in the human body, exploring how wellness, illness and healing in cancer are part of a human beings biography. August 20-21, Weekend Conference, House of Peace, Ipswich, MA. Sunday, August 22, Christian Community Boston, “Cancer in the developing human being”, talk and therapeutic Eurythmy.

Online Donations for the Christian Community are possible now!

Check out communityroom.net and click on “The Christian Community”.

This site is a secure website managed by the Wainwright Bank, where we have a bank account. The regular credit card fee will be deducted from your donation but you will be able to print out a receipt for your records and, if you wish, you can set up the possibility to see your “donation history” anytime. (I made a first donation and found the site easy to use, hope you will be curious and try it out as well! ☺)

Finances:

Budgeted to date:	\$16,759.16
Spent to date:	\$14,480.44
Income to date:	\$8,351.61
Deficit to date:	-\$6,128.83

Please remember the needs of the Christian Community. Our heartfelt gratitude for your support!

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Passiontide Weekend Conference

March 13-14, 2010

Aging in the Second Half of Life

How to become elderly rather than aged

March 13th Saturday

9:00 am. The Act of Consecration of Man
Refreshments

10:15 a.m. In the Ever After
What Fairy Tales tell us
About growing old in the second half of life.
Rev. James Hindes

11:30 a.m. Eurythmy for the elderly of all ages
Led by N.N.
Lunch (in local restaurants)

2:00 p.m. Aging in the light of anthroposophically extended
medicine.

Dr. Basil Williams, M.D., Harlemville

3:30 p.m. Eurythmy with N.N.

4:30 p.m. Biographical Sharing and Discussion
(Conference participants are invited to share their stories, or
some small portion thereof, with others.)

6:00 p.m. Close of Day Service with Sermon

March 14th Sunday

11:00 a.m. The Act of Consecration of Man
Sermon by Rev. James Hindes

12:00 a.m. Refreshments

12:30 p.m. Eurythmy with N.N.

1:00 p.m. The Shining Fish, a story from Italy
The inner work asked of us in the second half of life.
Rev. James Hindes

To register please call Rev. Julia Polter (617 522 2972).
We ask for a suggested donation of 30-80 \$ (sliding scale) to cover the costs of
the conference.