

# THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

## MOVEMENT FOR RELIGIOUS RENEWAL

Summer 2010

Dear Friends of the Christian Community,

When you receive this letter I will be out of town, visiting the international priest synod in Stuttgart, Germany. Every year priests from all around the world gather for a week to celebrate the Act of Consecration together, to study, to share news, to have personal encounters, to welcome the newly ordained and to honor those from our circle who have died, to discuss challenges and to plan the future of our movement.

Last year more than 270 people gathered, the largest number in the history of the Christian Community. We are very fortunate that we can have these international meetings which allow a common consciousness of our work.

This summer we will have several priests visiting our congregation, who generously offered to come. This is also a wonderful opportunity that the life of our congregation can be perceived within our movement. And we in Boston will have the joy of broadening our experience of the life of the Christian Community as well.

In the same brotherly spirit, on Sunday, June 27, we will be visited by representatives of the FUTURE INITIATIVES GROUP. Ann Elizabeth Barnes wrote us on behalf of this initiative:

*“A new group has formed, called into being through our regional coordinator, Oliver Steinrueck, called the Future Initiatives Group. It is looking toward the future of the North American Christian Community and trying to perceive what this future Christian Community might look like, what it wants to become. We have been meeting with congregations to hear your thoughts and feelings about how you see the future of The Christian Community and have been observing themes coming from different people in The Christian Community world-wide: Who are we? What is our being? How can we change? Do we need to change? We would like to come and listen to you and your congregation to hear what is in your hearts. Thank you!”*

I hope many of us can join this conversation!

With many summer greetings, yours truly,

Julia Polter

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An Invitation to a Summer Workshop at The Alcyon Center  
*a spiritual life study and retreat center on Mount Desert Island, Maine*

# **SPIRIT AND MATTER in the Human Body: Illness and Healing in cancer as part of the biography of a human being**

With Elke von Laue (Eurythmy)  
Dr. Broder von Laue MD (Anthroposophical extended Medicine)  
Rev. Julia Polter (The Christian Community-Movement for Religious Renewal)

**August 13-15, 2010  
on Mount Desert Island, Maine**

This summer workshop amidst the beauty of Mount Desert Island offers an opportunity to become aware of how spirit and matter work together in the human body in youth and old age, during sleep and waking, in wellbeing, illness and healing. The approach of Anthroposophical medicine and the practice of curative movements (Eurythmy) can deepen our understanding of all these processes, which may also be seen as a revelation of the Christ Forces in the developing human being.

### **Our Workshop Leaders:**

**Elke E. von Laue**, born 1938 in Germany, has taught Eurythmy Therapy in many countries in seminars and at the college for Eurythmy Therapy in Dornach, Switzerland. At present, she is actively working with patients and leading workshops. She has published several papers on Eurythmy Therapy in Medical Journals.

**Hans-Broder von Laue MD**, born 1937 in Germany, practices and teaches Anthroposophical extended medicine with a specialization in cancer research and cancer treatment as well as Eurythmy Therapy. His latest publication, "The Physiology of Eurythmy Therapy" (Floris Books), written with his wife Elke von Laue, is available in March 2010.

**Rev. Julia Polter**, is a priest with The Christian Community--Movement for Religious Renewal in Boston, MA. and led a summer workshop at The Alcyon Center last year on the Mystery of the Rose: Spirit and Matter in Nature.

### **Schedule**

#### Friday, August 13

1-2 pm Registration  
2-5 pm Opening Session  
7-8:30 pm Session 2

#### Saturday, August 14

9-12 noon Session 3  
2-5 pm Session 4  
7-8:30 Session 5

#### Sunday, August 15

9-12 noon Closing  
Departure after lunch

The retreat is open to all--day and overnight participants are welcome. Suggested donation for Tuition is \$75, Room and Board is \$85 per night in double rooms. Day participants may make a donation for meals.

### **For registration and our 2010 program – please visit our website:**

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*We look forward to hearing from you.*

Christian Community Summer Conference August 20-22, 2010  
At: the House of Peace, 1 High Street, Ipswich, MA 01938

# *Understanding Cancer*

Presenters

*Anthroposophical physician, Broder von Laue, MD  
& Therapeutic Eurythmist, Elke von Laue*

## Friday August 20

7:00 PM Registration  
7:30 PM The Development of Cancer  
8:55 PM Close of Day Service (Rev. Julia Polter)

## Saturday August 21

8:00-9:00 AM The Act of Consecration of Man  
Refreshments  
10:00-12:30 PM The Mission of Cancer  
Lunch (at local restaurants or picnic)  
2:00-5:30 PM Cancer Treatment in Anthroposophical Medicine

Sunday August 22 At: The Christian Community in Boston  
366 Washington St. Brookline Village, MA 02445

11 AM The Act of Consecration of Man  
Potluck  
12:30 -2:30 PM Cancer in the Developing Human Being

To register please call Rev. Julia Polter 617.522.2972  
Suggested donation to cover costs \$30-\$150 (sliding scale)