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# Seminary Newsletter

## of the Christian Community in North America

Well, we made it.

By the grace of God and the heavy lifting of our incredible seminary team - especially Gail Ritscher and Janice Morgante - we were able to arrive with the seminary in boxes and still open our doors in Toronto to our fourteen students at the end of September. Really, when I say 'Grace of God', that's not just an empty expression. Right in the midst of this transition - selling, packing up and cleaning the old building on Carmen Ct., renovating, painting and furnishing a two-story house that is now the seminary's new home - we received completely unexpected financial gifts from friends and legacies totaling over \$130,000. And it was, of course, just what we needed, covering all the unforeseen costs of an international move and setting us up with a solid foundation going forward into the future.

It all began here on Michaelmas Sunday, 2019. And what a beautiful and meaning-filled Sunday it was. Jonah Evans, who has been the

priest here in Toronto for the past six years, said he had never seen the chapel so full.

[*Words from Jonah Evans*] It was a powerful experience to feel and see the whole community come together to give birth to and welcome this new expression of the Seminary in North America. After the welcoming event, many members of the congregation remarked that it felt like something 'came down' and graced us with its presence. The being of our movement graced us with its presence. Folks felt a winged embrace. The students felt the embrace of the congregation.

After three months of the life of the seminary interpenetrating the congregational activities, it seems that the congregation is still sensing a warming presence and the students are still feeling the wings of the congregation. The congregation is enlivened by many evening lectures and our first open course, which we also streamed online. The seminary students have been nourished by the vitality of our Sunday community and social life, including our vibrant Advent Fair. From all angles, it seems that this is a dynamic and joy-filled marriage.

[*Words from Patrick*] Some people traveled over two hours to be here for this re-birth, and the welcome, warmth and support of the congregation has made the landing like coming home to a ready nest.

Now our new life has begun. In this newsletter, we hope to give you a window into that life. We want you to see and meet our fourteen students, hear about our thirteen offsite ones (Distance Learning Program) and meet our excellent new faculty. When you see what is happening here and carry it in your hearts, then the seminary can live everywhere you are. And perhaps, through you, someone who is seeking to become a servant of Christ's healing work in our time might hear their first call to come.



With Christmas blessings,

*Jonah Evans*      *Patrick Kennedy*

Jonah Evans and Patrick Kennedy

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## A 'Thank You', Toronto Congregation

*Mónica Sánchez Valderrama, Continuing Student, Peru*



A contemplation on the light spectrum by Mimi Coleman, Continuing Student

You welcomed us with open arms, like a big hug, that first day that we were officially introduced to your community, Michaelmas Sunday, September 29, 2019! Daily we see broad smiles flowing out from warm hearts as you stretch to receive a new companion into your congregation, the Seminary in North America. That day has become like a seed that is growing in us, filled with hope and encouragement for our journey.

We seminarians now co-inhabit the body of your church, filling the chapel on weekdays, overflowing into the community room to create art, to practice speech and eurythmy and, at first, wandering into places where we didn't belong. But, in the process of growing together, a new circulation has been shaped – sort of like a 5th chamber in the heart of this church – as we find a loving and respectful coexistence. I think the building is happy to have even more laughing voices, to have more eyes tending the welcome candle, to have more willing devotion to raise the incense to the heights and carry our prayers to the divine world. Whatever new students will come in the future, a foundation of mutual support has been well laid between the Toronto Christian Community and the Seminary in North America.

Thank you so very much.

## Life at Seminary

*Diana Haynes, Continuing Student, United States*

When I think of life at our Seminary, I think of our directors Patrick Kennedy and Jonah Evans, the faces of my fellow students, and the sound of joyous outbursts of laughter. For a bunch of serious, religiously oriented and earnest people, it's amazing how often we are falling over with laughter or singing, not just hymns, but Broadway hits or pop tunes!

The 14 of us (six new and eight returning) students have made our home in the Toronto Christian Community Church, and so there's

the sense of being held by a larger congregation. We use their chapel and community room, and the previous home for their priest and his family has been transformed into beautiful classrooms, a library, and accommodations for our main work.

We arrived in September and began to get to know each other by sharing our biographies, and we discovered deeper commonalities and differences around the coffee pot, in the classrooms, while scrubbing up, and in every aspect of our daily life.

Conversation is constant and passionate, and our hunger for understanding spills over into a serious appetite for baked goods and hot drinks in between courses on the Gospels, Reincarnation, Karma, Anthroposophy, Philosophy and Christian Formation – to name a few...

Our mornings begin with the Act of Consecration of Man, except for Wednesday (lecture reading day) and Saturday. This is an important part of our training, as the main ritual of our church contains, in essence, all the teachings that unfold throughout the two years of study. We practice living into these words and making them our own, often sensing new meanings when we hear a phrase that somehow never before quite reached our inner ear. For those ordained as priests, this ritual will become the foundation of their life of prayer, celebrating it daily, whether to a congregation or individually as prayer. I often ask myself, how can I find the living truth in these words, and what parts of me resist their penetrating power?

Every week, all 14 of us have a new 'Main Lesson' in the morning, often with a guest teacher. This year, the subjects of these lessons all somehow touch upon the theme of Christ as the Lord of Karma. Over the summer, returning students worked on the Mystery Dramas, while the new students shared their research into books and articles on reincarnation and karma. In the first weeks, we all gave presentations to the whole group on our summer studies – a kind of baptism by fire! Director Jonah Evans gave a powerful morning course on the Evolution of Karma from Moses through Buddha to Christ. Normally, this one course would have been enough for me to chew on for many months. Here at seminary, however, each week's main lesson goes into our sleep and hopefully gets digested with the



Students in the classroom: Jong-Won Choi, Sylvia Kuilman, Jeana Lee, Gillian Cross

help of angels, because next week, there is a new, equally wonderful main lesson!

Though we share the morning course most weeks, each afternoon, the new and returning students have different ongoing courses. The new students are in a program now called *Knowing Christ*, and the returning students are in a program titled *Walking with Christ*. We study different core Steiner books, the Gospel of John or lectures specifically ed for the new priesthood. We practice Speech formation and Eurythmy, as well as exploring color in art class together once a week. So the two groups do intermingle, yet have their own distinct path of education through the process of priest formation.



Seminary students practice drawing forms with their feet in a class by guest teacher, Ruediger Janisch

And while there is a strong community component of life at the Seminary, it is also a deeply solitary path. Each person has made significant sacrifices to be here, leaving behind friends, family, jobs, country, sometimes language, and definitely our comfort zone. We all arrive like hungry caterpillars, chomping away at one Anthroposophical book after another [*not quite true, is it? We go quite slowly through texts...and not just Anthroposophy*]. But then some of us choose to enter into the realm of the chrysalis with no guarantee that we will emerge in the hoped-for-form of a butterfly. There, we are dissolved and transformed, working steadily on those parts of ourselves most resistant to change. But we are surrounded by wise guides, who themselves have emerged with wonderful wings, and they watch and nurture our progress.

What is it that makes a priest? Is it the knowledge, the inner discipline, the skills of public speaking, teaching, community organizing, listening with special sensitivity? These are all important skills to acquire, but they do not make a priest. *We have learned: (otherwise it sounds a bit presumptuous)* Only one thing makes a priest – the sacrament of ordination. This is not something that one can claim for oneself; *it is bestowed. In the training, we can only seriously take up what lies in our hands: our own becoming.*

Knowing that there are no guarantees doesn't seem to affect our striving or determination to learn. We all feel that what we are learning and becoming is vital – not just for ourselves, but for the world. Having made 'How to Know Higher Worlds' a kind of 2<sup>nd</sup>

Bible, we all feel that “thoughts and feelings are as important for the world as actions” (from the chapter, “Requirements for Esoteric Training”); in which case, gaining some degree of mastery over our thoughts, emotions and will forces is fundamental to the goal of being a human being! Our ages range from late 20’s to late 60’s, and somehow harmony and friendship carry us safely on this wonderful journey of becoming...

## When Do We Know We Are Home?

*Victoria Capon, Ordination Candidate, United States*

When do we know we are home?

When our heart sings the ancient song of recognition,

Sensing the growing emergence of Truth, ever present and waiting for us to join in consecrating space and consecrating time.

We wake up in the early dawn in the new seminary building, it is already home to us.

We know this place.

The third newly emerging vessel for a Being that has called to us for decades, life times.

We know this Being.

This One who has seen us through so many transformations...Ever present, Ever waiting. Ever.

“Awake! Awake!” The trees, who reach skyward, call out to us, “Be ever present with us in this consecrated space, this consecrated time.”

When the first light turns the sky gray and we emerge from sleep with a joy filled heart for this gift, we know we are home, and home is everywhere consecrated space and consecrated time.

## A Study of *Theosophy* by Rudolf Steiner

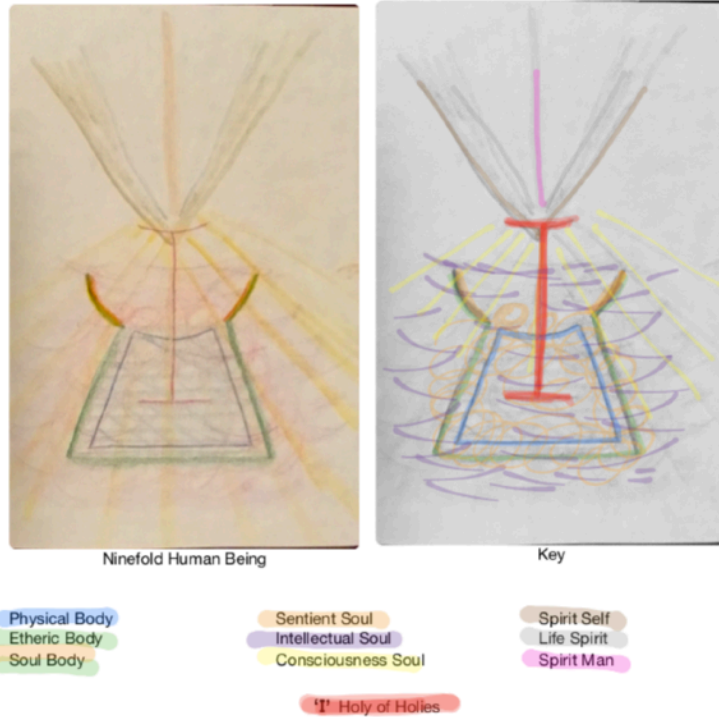
*Erica Maclennan, New Student, Canada*

The new Seminarians worked with the first chapter of Theosophy with Reverend Inken Contreras. We looked in-depth at the physical,



Seminary Director Patrick Kennedy engages the students in pondering the mystery of Paul’s Damascus experience. Beside him sit Tish Pierce and Robert Bower.

life, soul, and spiritual nature of the human being as outlined by Rudolf Steiner. We were lead by Inken from the beginnings of our human development, through our current evolutionary stage, to a



look at our future makeup. Encapsulated we had the description of the ninefold human being. Each of us was asked to bring to our final class a summary of what we had learned through the week. I was inspired to create a drawing of the ninefold human being using a discussion on the chalice as inspiration.

## *A Theosophy Haiku*

*Marc Fortin, New Student, Canada*

Seven-fold being

From the paper of oneness

Spirit origami

## Body, Soul, and Spirit - A Drawing Inspired by Rudolf Steiner's *Theosophy*

*Claudia Pfiffner, Distance Learner*

I began the drawing in the center of the page with brown, green, and purple colors representing the human body. Like minerals, our bodies are built up of natural substances, indicated with brown and grey colors.

Like plants, we grow and reproduce, indicated with green, and, like animals, we develop inner experiences based on outer impressions, indicated with the purple hearts.

After the physical body, I continued the drawing with the soul nature, depicted as red hearts around the center.



## Seminary Distance Learning Program

This program is especially designed for those who are interested in taking a first step towards study at the Seminary in Toronto, Canada. In this way, it can serve as a powerful tool for discerning if this is the life-direction, giving both the participant and the directors a chance to get to know one another better.

In addition, this program is meant to serve those wishing to deepen their own understanding of Christianity's essence and to receive support in beginning, further developing or deepening Christian spiritual practices (devotional Bible reading, prayer and meditation).

This year, the program has involved 13 students meeting once a week online with one of the seminary directors. Presentations, artistic work, conversation and small group meetings beyond the class have rounded out the course. For our third Trimester, individual weekly conversations will replace the weekly classes, and the year will culminate in a week-long course at the seminary in Toronto in May.

For more information, contact our Registrar at [info@christiancommunityseminary.org](mailto:info@christiancommunityseminary.org)



## Inspired by Acts 9:1-9

On foot  
nearing Damascus at mid-day  
Dead set on persecuting that 'Way'  
I am arrested,  
blinded in a sphere of Light.  
My body falls away, I hear a voice  
calling  
That knows me to my core.  
I reply in reverence to discover  
this essence.  
The voice is pure "It is I,  
king, brother, son of all."  
My inner blindness is shown, scales  
over my heart.  
The impulse I have been stoning all  
along  
Is now revealed as the Being of  
Truth and Life.  
I die  
master of the old law;  
I am reborn  
servant to our future divine.  
- by Marc Fortin, new seminary  
student

And finally, around the soul nature, I drew the spirit nature of the human being, indicated with orange.

Surrounding the human being is the light of God, indicated with yellow and silver. It circles around the human being and penetrates every aspect of it, spirit, soul, and body. At this point, I thought that I should have started this drawing from the outside in rather than from inside out, since God existed before the human being did and is all-encompassing. I decided to work my way from the periphery back to the center with the yellow color to indicate that God "is in all that we are" (Trinity epistle).

The process of this drawing has taught me more about the relationship of God to the essential nature of the human being than reading alone could have done. It has also helped me connect parts of "Theosophy" with the Trinity season liturgy of the Christian Community.

## Understanding Christ as the Lord of Karma

*Jeana Lee, Continuing Student, United States*

'Christ as the Lord of Karma' is the theme this year at the Seminary of the Christian Community in North America. Co-director Rev. Jonah Evans gave a course on the Evolution of Karma and Reincarnation in connection with this theme. The term 'karma' describes the phenomenon that all actions have consequences, and these actions with their consequences follow a lawful pattern. In the realm of physical objects, this law is described as: 'for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.' As humanity has developed over time, our relationship with karma has evolved.

Beginning with the present day and your own life, consider when you experienced the greatest growth, when you gained the capacities that you value in yourself. Ask yourself whether this was an easy, joyful time, or whether it was characterized by hardship and suffering. Most people find that their most valuable lessons, the experiences that made them who they are, came about through suffering. Our deepest suffering can lead us to an encounter with a loving presence, or bring us an inner awakening that profoundly changes our lives. You might recognize that it is only by going through the pain and

difficulty of the experience that you were made open to receiving this love and solace. The advent of Christ's incarnation on earth changed the relationship of humanity with suffering.

Human beings have always experienced suffering. In ancient India, you would have understood your placement in the hierarchy of society as the result of your past deeds. Your sufferings would have indicated your misdeeds, and good deeds would have led to being born into a higher caste in the next incarnation. Karma allowed people to learn from their mistakes and elevate themselves to get closer to the divine, like climbing a ladder.

However, the connection of human beings to this divinely ordered progression became weakened over time. The lawfulness of actions and consequences remained, but by the time of the Buddha, sequential incarnations no longer led upwards towards the divine world. Living during that time, you would have experienced suffering as the fundamental state of existence. Although it was the result of your deeds, there was nothing you could do to avoid it in the future. Buddha recognized that karma and reincarnation had become a sort of prison, an endless wheel rather than a ladder, and the only way to reach God was by escaping the wheel completely. Transcendence was the only hope.

A relatively short time later, Christ descended to the earth and united with it. Whereas the ancient Indian people ascended a ladder away from earthly life towards God, and the followers of Buddha sought escape from the wheel of repeated earth incarnations, Christ's deed has transformed the earth into the dwelling place of God. The old law of karma still operates, but the balancing consequences of our actions have become a pathway towards our true selves and towards the Christ Jesus.

Whereas good deeds used to bring rewards and bad deeds used to bring punishments, the whole conception of reward and punishment is transformed. In light of our experiences of personal growth and encounters with divine love that are born of suffering, we must ask whether this suffering should be called a punishment, or could it be called a gift? In this age of self-consciousness, we have the possibility to look at our lives and perceive the gifts in suffering, to reframe our



Art teacher Regine Kurek guides all the students through a discovery of the interplay of light and color.

experiences in a way that reflects our own movement towards the divine. We no longer climb a ladder or try to escape from a wheel, but we open a door and meet God in the depths of earthly experience.

## If the Ground Could Speak

*by Kate Kennedy, Continuing Student, United States,  
taken from an exercise from sermon class*

I consume all that has fallen. It may surprise you, but I have hungered for it. Every leaf released in autumn, every body laid to rest, will turn into, will become *me*. Or so I thought at the beginning.

And so I welcomed Adam and his wife when the Lord released them both from Paradise. And I opened my mouth to receive Abel's blood – brother slain by brother. And then there were *so many* slayings. I cannot say I delighted in it. But an eye for an eye was the way that kept me fed.

Unprepared I was, then, when talk of stones turned to talk of sin, until nothing could be heard but the sound of His finger upon me as a woman in pain looked on. That script was for me to read, and the message it contained I held fast. And when in a stone I swallowed Him, I knew from then on it was I who would be changed.



An 'Inukshuk', a traditional sculpture of the Inuit often used for navigational purposes. It was erected on this rise of ground near the Toronto Harbor and looks out over lake Ontario. It was designed by Nunavut-born artist Kellypalik Qimirpik.

## Seminary Outreach Events 2020

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
January 20-24	<u>Open Course</u> with Bastiaan Baan in Toronto (see course list)
February 19-21	<u>"To You Rise Love and Strength"</u> - Northern California Waldorf Teachers' Conference. Patrick will be keynote speaker over three days.
March 2-6	<u>Open Course</u> with Daniel Hafner in Toronto (see course list)
April 16-19	<u>Sacred Gateway Conference</u> on the renewal of our culture around death and dying, sponsored by the Anthroposophical Society of America, Patrick will be a keynote speaker, hold workshop
Apr 27-May 1	<u>Public Course</u> in Spring Valley, NY with Paul Newton and Patrick Kennedy
May 18-22	<u>Orientation and Open House</u> in Toronto, Canada. Week for prospective and distance learning students with Jonah and Patrick.
June 24-28	<u>Ask, Seek, Knock</u> : North American Conference of the Christian Community in Atlanta, Georgia, Patrick will be a keynote speaker & hold a workshop
July 30-August 8	<u>Orientation to the Priesthood</u> , Forest Row, England. Jonah Evans will be a keynote speaker & hold a workshop with Tom Ravetz and Luke Barr.

# The Seminary

of the Christian Community in North America

## 2019-20



In the group photo, our 2019-20 students and staff:

**Standing:** Patrick Kennedy (Director), Janice Morgante (Registrar and Financial Administrator), Lisa Majoros, Marc Fortin, Mimi Coleman, Dhruva Corrigan, Jeana Lee, Jong-Won Choi, Diana Haynes, Melanie Nason (Seminary Housing Coordinator), Jonah Evans (Director).

**Sitting:** Kate Kennedy, Monica Sanchez, Sylvia Kuilman, Robert Bower, Tish Pierce, Gillian Cross, Gail Ritscher (Seminary Support), Erica Maclennan

## Meet our New Regular Faculty

by Gillian Cross, Continuing Student, Australia

### *Reg Down, New Student Eurythmy Class*

Reg Down grew up in Canada, Namibia, South Africa and Ireland. After studying architecture for two years, he encountered the work of Rudolf Steiner. He attended Emerson College in Sussex, England, for a foundation year in Anthroposophy and completed his eurythmy training in Nurnberg, Germany.

A father of three, he taught eurythmy in Waldorf schools in Australia, Canada and the United States, and was a faculty member of Rudolf Steiner College, Sacramento, California. He is an author of books for children, Waldorf pedagogy, eurythmy and color.



### *Sylvie Roberge, Speech Classes*

I was born in Montreal in a French Canadian family. As a child, with my parents and brother, we lived for 5 years in England, then onwards to Ottawa. I studied psychology and psycho-education, as I wanted to work with people with special needs. When I was 22, I was offered a job in .... England .... where I met Camphill and Anthroposophy ... intended to stay for a year .... and stayed for 23, mostly in Camphill. Then, in 1998, I embarked on a four-year-training in creative speech, which turned out to be just the beginning of the journey, as I soon realized! Upon finishing my training, I worked in Camphill with speech and doing care work, first in Scotland and then in Camphill Communities in Ontario. Then, approaching the ripe age of 60, I felt it was time to move on to new unknown horizons .... And I received an email from Jonah ... The seminary was moving to Toronto and there was a need for a speech teacher!



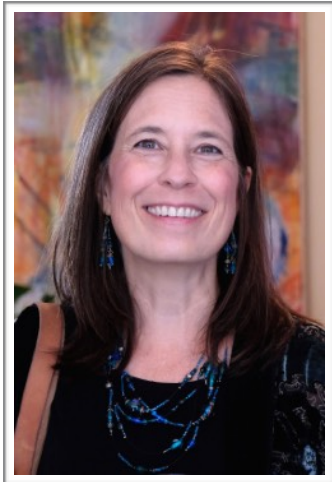


*Regine Kurek, Art Class*

Regine Kurek, born and educated in Germany, has resided in Canada most of her adult life. She holds diplomas in Art, Education, Anthroposophical Art Therapy and Biography work and has been facilitating classes and workshops for adults for almost forty years in North America, Europe and recently the Far East. She has a passion for art and what she calls the 'Mission of Art' in all fields of life.

*Lisa Majoros, Bible Orientation for New Students*

The Rev. Lisa Majoros was ordained in 1996 as Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church, USA, and has served churches in and around her hometown of Atlanta, GA, where she also co-initiated the founding of the Christian Community affiliate with two other women and Rev. Jonah Evans. Between being raised Pentecostal in the Deep South Bible Belt and her Masters of Divinity and (in-progress) Doctor of Ministry work through Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA, she has lived and breathed Biblical studies. This love was deepened by the insights of Rudolf Steiner and his path of human development, which has informed and guided her throughout her ordained ministry. She also holds a BA in Cultural Anthropology (Davidson, NC) and a Masters in Social Anthropology (Univ. of Cape Town), with a dissertation entitled "Co-Creating at the Threshold: A Dialogical Approach to Festival Planning at a Cape Town Waldorf School." Lisa has been married nearly 30 years and is a Waldorf mom to two adult children. She is immensely grateful to also be a continuing student herself at the Christian Community Seminary and continues to learn every day.



## Gratitude

*Dhruva Corrigan, New Student, United States*

These first weeks at seminary have been a wonderful time of getting to know one another and settling into our rhythms of community life, as well as orienting ourselves toward our work here and taking the first steps in our studies. Our morning services in the church, followed by a light community breakfast, are the perfect preparation for each day before we head into our main course each morning in our sunlight-filled classroom.

The new seminary here in Toronto, as a physical space, was prepared so beautifully ahead of our arrival that our growth as a social body into this space has happened incredibly naturally and organically. We have so much gratitude to the seminary directors and staff, who prepared so much for our coming and provided such a warm welcome to all of us. Similarly, we hold so much gratitude for the local congregation here in Toronto for their warm welcome, and for the many small and large demonstrations of hospitality they have shown us. In our close proximity as neighbors who share space, we can only hope that we are bringing as much to them through our earnest endeavors as students as it feels like we receive.

Always we are grateful for the teachers who make up our regular faculty, who work with us week after week. Explorations in art, eurythmy, and creative speech provide a gentle and much needed counterpoint to studies in theology, philosophy, and Christian development. The essential inclusion of artistic practices in our daily rhythms is a constant reminder, in this priest training, that the role of a priest is multifaceted and dynamic, always growing and developing, requiring softness and suppleness of perception and approach. And our models for that here at the seminary, our directors Reverend Patrick Kennedy and Reverend Jonah Evans, are constant reminders of these qualities for which we strive through their own embodiment of the ideals of the renewed priesthood of the Christian Community.



Seminary Staff at the McMichael Gallery near the seminary. From left: Gail Ritscher, Jonah Evans, Melanie Nason and Janice Morgante



We have been further blessed in these weeks with so many wonderful guest teachers, and we look forward to several more to come before we break for our winter recess. Our time here is certainly full of many graces of different kinds, and we are grateful for them all. The weeks are flying by, and already we are preparing for the start of the Advent season, the beginning of our Christian cycle of the year. As the snow visits us increasingly here in the north, we begin to don our woolen layers and bring the kettle to boil more frequently. Each week is a new adventure. But the harshness of winter is staved off by the warmth brought to us from our broader community! We send our own inner warmth back to you now: many blessings to you and yours, near and far, in this autumn season.

## Circle of Friends

*By Camilla Lake, Friend and Board Member, USA*

As some of you may have heard, a circle of supporters is developing around the Seminary this year. The Friends Circle initiative is intended to provide a constant and sustaining level of support to the Seminary in a variety of ways, including our interest, prayers, and financial assistance. As such, we are also invited to participate in the life of the Seminary in new and interesting ways. Each month we have a lively video call with Directors Jonah and Patrick. We received tours of the new campus pre- and post-renovation. We met a number of students and peppered them with questions. We have even been invited to study along with the students' Wednesday Steiner lecture cycle. And, of course, like everyone else, we have access to the rich content of the Seminary's webinars and open courses. Though the

Friends Circle is still quite new, we are gradually growing more familiar with each other and our shared purpose. We would love for you to join us!

For more information or to subscribe, please go to our website or contact Janice Morgante at [info@christiancommunityseminary.org](mailto:info@christiancommunityseminary.org).

### FRIENDS CIRCLE

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## FALL COURSES

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Date	Course Title/Theme	Teacher
Sept 30- Oct 4	<i>The Mystery Dramas I: The Dramas &amp; Anthroposophy in Light of Christ's Reappearance</i>	Returning Student Presentations: Mystery Dramas
7-11	<i>Returning Students:: The Mystery Dramas II - with Barbara Renold, Artistic Speech and Drama, Spring Valley, NY</i>	New: Body, Soul and Spirit with Inken Contreras, priest in Toronto
14-18	<i>Thinking Reincarnation: Seminar week studying Rudolf Steiner's Theosophy, chapter on Reincarnation</i>	New Student Presentations: Christianity and Reincarnation
21-25	<i>The Metamorphosis of Karma - From Buddha to Christ</i>	Jonah Evans, Director, Toronto
28- Nov.1	<i>From Elijah to John - A Biblical Study</i>	Craig Wiggins, Lenker in Chicago
4-8	<i>The Goetheanum Ceiling and Reincarnation and Karma</i>	Ruediger Janisch, Camphill Acad., PA
11-15	<i>The Second Coming I: Expectations in the Gospels</i>	Liza Marcato, priest Hillsdale, NY
18-22	<i>OPEN COURSE: The New Revelation of Christ: The Second Coming and the 'Lord of Karma'</i>	Jonah Evans and Patrick Kennedy,
25-29	<i>The Second Coming II: Paul's Damascas Experience. Acts 9 and elements from the letters</i>	Student Seminar with Patrick
Dec. 2-6	<i>The Second Coming III: "It is no longer I who live..." - Aspects from Paul's Letters</i>	Student Seminar with Jonah Evans,
9-13	<i>Christ's Return in the Etheric - Rudolf Steiner on the nature of the Second Coming</i>	Erk Ludwig, priest in San Francisco
16-20	<i>The Mystery of the Nathan-Soul</i>	Inken Contreras & Jonah Evans

## 2019-20 Morning Courses

*Theme for the Year:  
"The Second  
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as The Lord of  
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## SPRING COURSES 2020

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### 2019-20 Morning Courses

*Theme for the Year:  
"The Second  
Coming and Christ  
as The Lord of  
Karma"*

Date	Course Title/Theme	Teacher
January 6-10	<i>Time &amp; the Etheric</i>	Jim Hindes, priest in Denver, USA
13-17	<i>Themes of the Second Coming in the Act of Consecration</i>	Bastiaan Baan, priest in Zeist, Holland
20-24	<i>OPEN COURSE: The Christ-Voice of Conscience</i>	With Bastiaan Baan
27-31	<i>The Gospel of St. Mark &amp; Demonology</i>	Anand Mandaiker, priest in Bern, Switz.
February 3-7	<i>The Gospel of St. Mark &amp; Demonology</i>	Anand Mandaiker
10-14	<i>The Lamb and the Seven Seals</i>	Lisa Hildreth, priest in Boston, USA
17-21	<i>Developing Apocalyptic Vision I</i>	With Jonah Evans - 2 Day Course
24-28	<i>Developing Apocalyptic Vision I</i>	With Patrick Kennedy - 2 Day Course
March 2-6	<i>OPEN COURSE: The Lord of Karma and the Mystery Dramas</i>	With Daniel Hafner, priest in Nuernberg, Germany
9-13	<i>The Holy Wound</i>	Jonah Evans, Director, Toronto
16-18	<i>Trimester Review</i>	With the Seminary Directors
	END OF 2ND TRIMESTER	
April 27- May 1	<i>PUBLIC COURSE in Spring Valley</i>	with Patrick Kennedy and Paul Newton

## Third Trimester

### *Independent Student Projects*

In the third trimester of the year, the students return home, visit other seminaries in Europe, or visit other congregations in the world and take up a larger, independent research project. During the whole training, they are deepening to aspects of their relationship to the spirit (truth), which this project is meant to support: 1) developing their own, original access to the spirit and 2) cultivating the art of communicating the spirit to others.

## End-of-Year Retreat 2020

### *In Stuttgart, Germany and Dornach, Switzerland*

At the end of the third Trimester, we look to close our year with a retreat altogether. This will be held in various places, but this year we will meet up again with the Stuttgart seminary and spend three weeks in Europe.

End of Year Retreat		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Teacher, Place</u>
May 31- June 6	<i>Pentecost</i>	Students & Directors, Stuttgart, Germany
June 7-13	<i>Art Week: the Green Snake and the Beautiful Lily</i>	Moni Boerman, et. al. Stuttgart, Germany
June 14-19	<i>Christianity and the New Mysteries</i>	Peter Selg, Vorstand, Dornach, Switzerland

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January 20-24, 2020:

*“The Christ Voice of Conscience”*

with Bastiaan Baan

March 2-6, 2020:

*“Rudolf Steiner’s Mystery Dramas and the ‘Lord of Karma’”*,

with Daniel Hafner, Nuernberg, Germany



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