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Helga: 2-11 July
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Dear Members and Friends of our Auckland Community,

In the film "The Only Witness", a child became an unnoticed witness to a crime while he was sitting on the toilet. Without him this crime would not have been solved. During the film, again and again, one sees the big brown, wide-open eyes in the face of the eight or nine year old boy. One person knows something through the presence of 'another'. This is the meaning of the word 'conscience' – from the latin *con-scientia*.

How often do we do things in life, where we are happy that we have no witness looking at us? Would we think or do certain things if we had a witness? How insecure might we sometimes feel when a new person, an unknown visitor takes part in our life!



In Christianity there is one great witness – John the Baptist. He appeared out of a life of solitude in the desert, standing there with his wakeful eyes and mind. He came to fulfil a mission, an inner task amongst human beings – not only to simply be there, but to awaken people and bring them to an inner movement: "Change your hearts and minds!" he calls with his mighty voice, and offers baptism. Through the baptism everyone is led to the threshold of death, and suddenly,

as if from outside – as if a foreigner was looking from outside, he finds himself as a witness to his own life. In a way that he had never experienced himself before – shaken to the depths of his soul, he understood: "I have to live my life differently from now on. I have to change my life." From then on, the voice of conscience began to speak out of his inner being.

This was the preparation for Christ to enter into Jesus of Nazareth through the baptism and to become a human being through Jesus. After the resurrection, he unites himself with the inner self of every human being who opens his soul to Him. In Him we have a witness in our inner being, the voice of conscience. He does not judge what we think or do, but he knows. Whoever is able to experience this, really changes his life – and that means hard inner work.

John, in his eternal individuality, is still the one who prepares the way and cries out within the human soul: "Change your mind to prepare that Christ may enter into your innermost being." Many are needed who can hear the call of John, and who may also take up his call. Through that, the festival time of John could become a time of listening and calling.

With warm greetings,
Helga

NOT I, BUT THE OTHER IN ME

– A talk by John Cunningham from California



On Sunday, the 18th of July, I will give a talk at The Christian Community entitled *Not I, But the Other in Me*, where I will share my some results of

my ongoing research into an anthroposophical understanding of *Compassionate Communication (aka Nonviolent Communication)*, the work of Marshall Rosenberg. The purpose of this research has been to uncover and articulate the anthroposophical basis underlying Marshall Rosenberg's work. My hope is that its practical value might flow more freely into the social life of our schools and anthroposophical initiatives. Out of my love for Rudolf Steiner's work and the life of the Steiner schools in particular, and the challenges we often encounter in the social realm, I have sought to contribute in this way. In this talk, I will share my present understanding.

Over the course of the last year, *The Philosophy of Freedom* has been at the heart of my study and searching. As a result, from the two great halves of this work—*The Science of Freedom*, and *The Practice of Freedom*—I will to seek to frame an architecture through which to shed light on the simple, yet profound, insights at the heart of Marshall Rosenberg's practice. Together, we will think about thinking, observe the unobserved, and wonder about the "exceptional state." We will look into the archetypal social phenomenon and the extraordinary fact that it was first described in the *Appendix* that Rudolf Steiner added to the 1918 edition of *The Philosophy of Freedom*.

I will suggest that we can find an esoteric articulation of "feelings and needs"—the central concept upon which *Compassionate Communication* is based—within the *Psychosophy* lectures given by Rudolf Steiner one hundred years ago this year. We will find ourselves within the two streams of time—also found in those lectures—and their relationship to the practice, meaning and mission of empathy (and self-empathy) in this moment, in our times. In the end, we may come to wonder about empathy's role in the development of the highest of our twelve senses—the sense of I, or ego, and how it lives in *Not I, But the Other in Me*.

Such is the daunting task—in my mind—I give myself. That I will succeed is doubtful; that I will do my best will be my wish and hope.

For those who would like to receive by email a handful of excerpts from Rudolf Steiner pertaining to this topic, send me an email at johncunningham@jeffnet.org with *Not I* in the subject line and I will send you a pdf file. You can also go to my website at www.empathy-conexus.com and download a copy of my booklet, *Compassionate Communication and Empathy's Awakening*. You are warmly invited.

John Cunningham

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes will start on Tuesday 20 July at 5pm in our church at 10 Rawhiti Rd., One Tree Hill. They are going to be held fortnightly. You are welcome to join our classes.

If you would like further details please, feel free to contact Andrea on 579 1508 or

andrea.tomanek@gmail.com

Andrea Tomanek

CHURCH-WORKING BEE



Our church needs maintenance. Therefore come along if you can around 0900 on Saturday 24 July for work like minor repairs, putting up curtains, cleaning, painting....

Morning tea will be provided. If you would like further details please, feel free to contact Andrea on 579 1508 or andrea.tomanek@gmail.com

Andrea Tomanek

OUR 21ST BIRTHDAY

This year at Michaelmas, The Christian Community in New Zealand will be 21 years of age. We plan to have a weekend of celebration and a time of looking to the past, present and future of The Christian Community in New Zealand. There will soon be information coming out to each of you, and more on the website.

Nationally we are compiling a chronicle of events and reminiscences associated with the founding and subsequent years. If you have an appropriate photo, or if you could write a few lines, please email them to Andrea Tomanek:

andrea.tomanek@t-online.de

OUR SUMMER CAMP

This year the summer camp will be held from 7th - 12th January. The venue hasn't yet been decided and will be announced soon. Please start thinking about going, and we will have contact details for you in the near future.

REMEDIAL BREATHING

John Wilson will be back with his remedial breathing course in October. For those who don't know this is a course combining aspects of Buteyko work with Steiner's ideas. Many have been helped with their asthma, allergies, sleeping and other ailments. This will be held at The Christian Community over the evenings of 20, 21 and 26 October, with the opportunity to see him for individual sessions between these dates, to complement the course. He is continually updating and researching his methods, and has recently been in Germany working with Doctors there. Please email or phone Rose to book in, ph 5265440. For more information visit:

www.remedialbreathing.com

LIFE PATHWAYS - LIFE STORY WORK



Living-way, Karl-Heinz Finke continues the **Life Story Work Course**

at the Auckland Christian Community.
Dates and Themes for 2010 are:

Life Encounters & Relationships – Individuality and Community ...

Meet Trialogue

Exploring the Issues around Mental Health and Illness (*2nd meeting: Sharing our experiences, observations, hopes and wishes*)

Mon 26/07 7.30-9.30pm

Dependency – Interdependency – Interdependency – Anima and Animus

Tue 27/07 / Wed 28/07 - Sat 31/07/2010

TD TD 2-1 Biographical Interview:
Create Overview and Charts

CC 4 Module days Wed 28/07-Sat 31/07
9.00am-6.00pm /5.00pm last

1 Training day Tue 27/07/2010
9.00am-6.00pm

The Helping Conversation

3 Levels and 7 Qualities in Encounter and Conversation - Tue 14/09 - Fri 17/09/2010

Fees \$390 include non-refundable deposit of \$50

Contact Karl-Heinz Finke: info@Living-way.org
(04) 889 0905 NZ voice mail www.Living-way.org



The Christian Community AUCKLAND PROGRAMME

July - August 2010 – St John's side to Trinity

Services & events are at: The Church - 10 Rawhiti Rd, One Tree Hill – Tel: 525 2305

Monday 5 July

0700 **The Act of Consecration of Man** (St John's)

Wednesday 7 July

1000 **The Act of Consecration of Man** (St John's)

1115 **Gospel Study** of the reading for the coming week (John 1 : 19-34)

Sunday 11 July

1000 **The Act of Consecration of** (St John's – John 1: 19-34) – *Child-minding available*

1130 **A talk by Andrea: 'The 12 Disciples & the Signs of the Zodiac: Judas Thaddeus**

Monday 12 July

0700 **The Act of Consecration of Man** (St John's)

Wednesday 14 July

1000 **The Act of Consecration of Man** (St John's)

1115 **Gospel Study** of the reading for the coming week (Matthew 11: 1-15)

Sunday 18 July

0900 **Family Gathering** followed by the **Sunday Service for Children**

1000 **The Act of Consecration of Man** (St John's - Matthew 11: 1-15) – *Child-minding available*

1130 **John Cunningham from California will speak on: "Not I, But the Other in Me"** Please refer to John's introduction in the newsletter. A **donation** is requested to help offset John's travel costs.

Monday 19 July

0700 **The Act of Consecration of Man** (St John's)

Wednesday 21 July

1000 **The Act of Consecration of Man** (St John's)

1115 **Gospel Study** of the reading for the coming week (Mark 8: 27-38)

Saturday 24 July

0900 until around 1300: **Working Bee at the Church.**

1430 **Religious education** for children in classes 1 – 7. We start with afternoon tea & finish around 1600

Sunday 25 July

1000 **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Trinity – Mark 8: 27-38) – *Child-minding available*

1130 **A talk by Helga: “The Four Stages of Learning to Love”**

Monday 26 July

0700 **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Trinity)

Wednesday 28 July

1000 **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Trinity)

1115 **Gospel Study** of the reading for the coming week (Matthew 7: 1-14)

Sunday 1 August

0900 **Family Gathering** followed by the **Sunday Service for Children**

1000 **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Trinity – Matthew 7: 1-14) – *Child-minding available*

1130 **A talk by Karl-Heinz Finke: “Seven ‘I am’ Sayings – Seven I Movements”**

Monday 2 August

0700 **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Trinity)

Wednesday 4 August

1000 **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Trinity)

1115 **Gospel Study** of the reading for the coming week (Luke 15: 11-32)

Saturday 7 August

1430 **Religious education** for children in classes 1 – 7. We start with afternoon tea & finish around 1600

Sunday 8 August

1000 **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Trinity – Luke 15: 11-32) – *Child-minding available*

1130 **A talk by Kevin: “How can we be better prepared for receiving Communion?”**

***“We make a living by what we get
We make a life by what we give”***

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We are most grateful for your support.

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