



Christchurch Congregation  
of  
**The Christian Community**  
Movement For Religious Renewal

*Trinity*

**Visit from 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

Dear Members and Friends of The Christian Community in Christchurch,

We have just had a most inspiring weekend with Bastiaan Baan in Hawkes Bay. Bastiaan is the leader of our priest seminary in Spring Valley/New York and has published quite a few most interesting books. Together with his wife Aeola he is now visiting us here in New Zealand. In his talks Bastiaan is able to share generously from a lifetime of study, practice and experience. Nothing he brings is abstract theory; everything has been lived through, to often find its expression in some artistic form. We have had between thirty and forty participants and there has been no one walking away disappointed. This is the reason why I am now writing to you. I would like to invite you all to our weekend with Bastiaan in Christchurch. He will be speaking on "The Future of the Earth", which is a subject that must be of growing concern to all of us today. Please do look around in your circle of friends to see who may be able to join us.

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On Sunday we are looking forward to another most special event. We are going to celebrate the wedding of Haruhisa Ishikawa with Yuri Otagaki. When two people decide to share their life together they will have an effect upon many others and also upon the earth. By choosing to live with our sacraments, Yuri and Haru invite consciously the support and blessing of Christ into their community of life. On the path of marriage we are always again striving to overcome the one sidedness of being male and female. Always again we try to overcome the forces that separate us from one another, renewing our understanding of the other, our relationship and love. In our religious practice we are doing something quite similar. Each time we celebrate the Act of Consecration of Man we strive to overcome our separation from the spirit, uniting with the Divine in our own hearts and in the other. Giving birth to the best in ourselves we become able to bring out also the best in one another, we form Christian Community. This is the reason why we will first celebrate the Act of Consecration of Man and then immediately afterwards the Sacrament of Marriage. Everyone is most warmly invited to take part in both events.

How can there be any future of the earth without love? The earth needs human beings who awake to our task to care for her. Our own future depends on the earth's ability to put up with us for hopefully still quite a while longer. Humanity and earth are interdependent, like husband and wife in a marriage. Together we learn to love.

I am looking forward to seeing you on the first weekend of August again in Christchurch.

*Hartmut Borries*



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## Three Weekend Conferences July/August 2017 with Rev. Bastiaan Baan USA/Netherlands

**LORD OF THE ELEMENTS**, July 21 -23 in Hastings NZ

**WAYS INTO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**, July 28 -30, in Auckland NZ

**THE FUTURE OF OUR EARTH**, August 4 – 6 in Christchurch NZ

The conferences are by generous donation and start Friday evening through Saturday and end mid-day on Sunday

Rev. Baan is an engaging lecturer who brings great depth and experience to any subject and makes them accessible to anyone;  
and yes, he also loves to sing, be prepared!

**These are events not to be missed, spread the word.**

Details for individual events published soon



**Rev. Bastiaan Baan**, following his ordination in 1981, served as a priest in two congregations in the Netherlands. He has given lectures in several European countries, and has written a number of books about religion and spirituality that have been translated into English, German, Polish and Swedish. Published in English translation: "The Lord of the Elements", "Old and New Mysteries – From Trials to Initiation", "Ways into Christian Meditation" and in 2016, "A Comment on the Chymical Wedding of Christian Rosenkreutz". In 2012 Bastiaan Baan was appointed as Director of the Seminary of The Christian Community in Spring Valley, New York.



Emília and the bird she made at the Whitsun festival



Thea and Jordy with their freshly made Whitsun doves.

## **Programme:**

**At Hohepa Recreation Centre,  
23 Barrington Street, Spreydon**

### **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August**

**4.15pm**                    **Setting up of Chapel**  
See The Future of Our Earth programme below

### **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August**

See The Future of Our Earth programme below

### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August**

**9.00am**                    **Family Gathering**  
followed by                **Children's Service**

**10.00am**                **Act of Consecration  
of Man**

**11.00am**                **The Sacrament of Marriage  
between Yuri Otagí  
and Haruhisa Ishikawa**

followed by a light lunch.  
Please bring a plate

## **Future Events:**

**1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept.    Priest's visit from Hartmut**

**8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Dec.   Priest's visit from Hartmut  
2<sup>nd</sup> Advent Sunday**

## **Gospel readings:**

Sunday, July 23	Mark 8: 27-37
Sunday, July 30	Matthew 7:1 -14
Sunday, August 6	Luke 15: 11 - 32
Sunday, August 13	Luke 9: 1 - 17
Sunday, August 20	Luke 18: 35 - 43
Sunday, August 27	Mark 7: 31 -37
Sunday, September 3	Luke 10: 1 - 20
Sunday, September 10	Luke 17: 5 - 24
Sunday, September 17	Matthew 6: 19 - 34

## **The Future of our Earth**

August 4-5, Christchurch

### **Friday**

**6:00 PM**    potluck supper  
**7:30 PM**    Talk: *The Phenomena of our  
Present Time*

### **Saturday**

**10:00 AM**    The Act of Consecration of Man  
**11:30 AM**    Talk: *What do Mythologies tell  
about the Future of our Earth?*

Lunch

**2:30 PM**    Talk: *What does Anthroposophy Say  
about the Future of our Earth?*

**4:00 PM**    Talk: *What does the Apocalypse Tell  
about the Future of our Earth?*

Dinner

**7:00 PM**    Talk & Conversation: *What can I do?*

### **Sunday**

No conference events on Sunday

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