

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A START WITH GETTING TO KNOW THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY ...

A first point of contact could be a visit to our extensive web site:

www.thechristiancommunity.net

Here you can see the various programmes from around Australia and New Zealand, read newsletters and articles, see some of our church architecture and find out all sorts of things about The Christian Community. There is also a contact button where you can ask questions. The web site is a good place to start.

The next step could be to come to an event – perhaps a study group or a service. Some enquirers find it helpful to first make an appointment with one of our priests for a kind of question and answer conversation. In any case, you can feel free to find your own particular way to experiencing the Community and get to know it at whatever pace and in whatever way is comfortable for you.

People who have found their religious home in The Christian Community, come from all walks of life, and all kinds of religious backgrounds.

Come in freedom – come to discover.

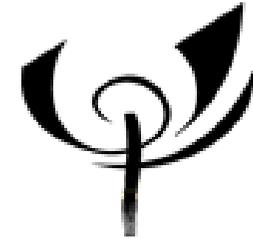
The Christian Community depends solely on the financial support of those who value what it makes possible in the world.



'Saint Martin' - Neeltje Prior-Bollen

To make contact with the person responsible for money matters in your area, please go to our web site's contact list:

www.thechristiancommunity.net/giving.html



THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

INFORMATION REGARDING ...

**THE APPROACH TO
MONEY MATTERS IN
THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**



WHAT IS MONEY?

Money is a little like water. It flows. It is essential for the unfolding of human life. It is a substance that is precipitated from above. The mysteries of water are being revealed through the work of researchers such as Dr. Masaru Emoto.

We know that water loses its vitality when it ceases to flow. It becomes stagnant. The mysteries of money can also begin to reveal themselves when we see money as a flow rather than something static. A ten dollar note is in itself static: It is a thing – an object – something that represents a value. Flow of money is necessary for the healthy unfolding and sustaining of religious life. Essentially it flows from the grateful heart. And as much as it flows through and from us, it can return in its flow.

Money is healthy according to the thought and gesture that accompanies it. Money given with resentment is unhealthy money.

MONEY AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Money has to do with economic life – not religious life. But within religious life, economic needs arise in order to make religious life possible. If we need a church building as part of our religious life then we need money. The building needs to be purchased, maintained, heated, and so on. Similarly, we need people who devote themselves as priests to serve and facilitate the religious life of others. They need to be clothed, housed, fed and to be able to carry out their work. Obviously they need money in order to work in the religious sense.

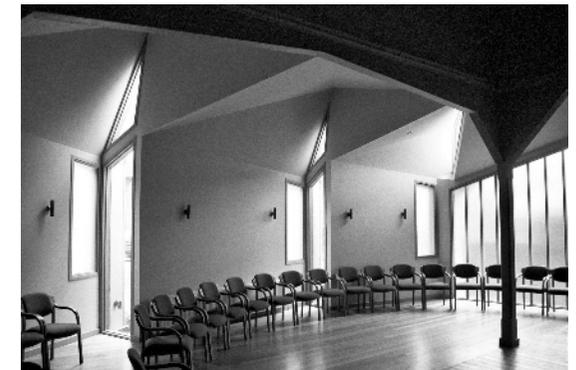
Because The Christian Community is primarily active within the spiritual-cultural sphere of society, it does not normally receive money through a trading activity. We cannot charge an entry fee, or set a price for a baptism or marriage or funeral. Life would obviously be a little clearer and easier if this were possible!

The principle which must be honoured in the spiritual-cultural life is 'freedom'. It is the sphere where we can truly experience freedom – and where we can 'free' money. Ideally, all money that flows into the

religious realm is given freely. We free money when we let it flow into the spiritual-cultural-religious sphere. There it can be freely taken up for the development of the human spirit.

The Christian Community is made up of individual human beings. Because of the sacramental nature of the Community, it is necessary for there to be trained and ordained serving priests who have a full-time commitment to their task. It is a free association of individuals who are served by a priesthood of women and men who are dedicated to bearing the Christian Sacraments and Services in their renewed modern form and content as a gift to those whose destiny enables them to receive it.

In so receiving the spiritual substance of Christianity into the world in this way, human beings are offered a doorway through which they can come in freedom to know and experience the living presence of the Risen Christ. Community in Christ with others arises out of this process.



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