

NEWSLETTER
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Consecrating Humanity

In today is the Word
and the Word is with human beings
and the Word is human.

Today this is with the human being
everything comes into being through it
and nothing that comes into being
arises other than through this.

In the Word is life
and life is the light of the gods
and the light shines into the darkness
but the darkness ...

free rendering from the Gospel of John,
Tom Tritschel, 1989

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AT THE BEGINNING OF THE
SECOND CENTURY OF
THE CHRISTIÁN COMMUNITY

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Themes and topics at the LOGOS Conference

Our discussion groups showed again and again that the sacraments and the LOGOS theme will be the focal points of our conference, as previously reported in the newsletters and on our website.

During the last two years, our preparatory teams received a wealth of topics, suggestions and proposals for which we are very grateful. All this will now be incorporated into the programme planning.

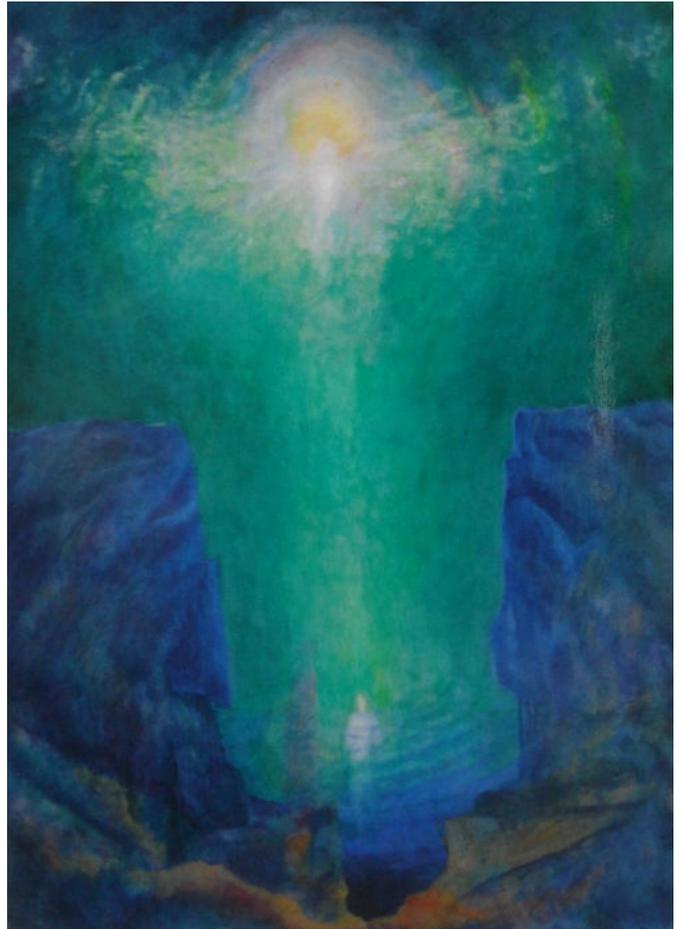
Below is a selection of topics as presented by Ulrich Goebel at a planning meeting in April. This allows you to follow how preparations are developing. We would also like to encourage participants to actively contribute to the conference, be it through a lecture, a seminar, a workshop, an artistic contribution, or whatever moves them.

Here are the main topics, but the order is random.

- The coming again of Christ in our time
- Religious renewal in the hearts of people
- Gaining freedom, freedom as a task
- Children and young people, the generation question; let children be children
- The ability to inspire: How does Christ work with and through us in the world?
- How do we become impervious to destructive influences?
- Sacramental Consultation as a sacrament of the individual, the Act of Consecration of Man as a sacrament of community
- Questions about the form, possible further development and the language of the ritual.
- Giving space for questions to the leadership of the Christian Community, the Circle of Seven
- Today's struggle for a view of the world and of the human being, the danger of transhumanism
- The social threefolding in The Christian Community
- The relationship to the anthroposophical movement
- The social structure in the congregations and the priest-laity relationship
- Our tasks in today's world development: caring, economic, social
- How can the ritual work in everyday life?
- The relationship to other religious communities.

These are only keywords of an incomplete list. To read more detailed articles on these topics, we recommend our LOGOS Journal which has more contributions. It is an interactive PDF document that can be requested from the editors, newsletter@logos-2022.de.

Wolfgang Jaschinski, Public Relations for LOGOS



Ninetta Sombart: The Baptism in the Jordan

The Mystery Drama of LOGOS

The LOGOS inaugurates and governs the world process. The LOGOS brings about the turning point of time by condensing into human form as Jesus of Nazareth. The LOGOS expands again after the resurrection, carrying the essence of transformed humanity allowing it to become manifold in all individual human beings. John 12 "Unless a kernel of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit ... When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself." The Christian Community seeks to serve this process as a modern movement for religious renewal founded by the spiritual world and mediated by Rudolf Steiner.

Rev Arnold Suckau, Bonn, Germany

Two paths to sacrament

The Christian Community differs from all other forms of Christian religion, including efforts of renewal in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, in *how* the renewal came about. The Christian church developed out of the apostolic tradition into the twentieth century. A century ago, a number of young Protestant theologians turned to Rudolf Steiner with the question of renewal of the Christian church. Within the traditional forms, some older clergymen, followers of Steiner, had worked in a renewing way out of their background of anthroposophy.

Rudolf Steiner represented a completely different stream, which also goes back to the Christ event, but had worked esoterically in secret (like the Grail stream and the Rosicrucians). This stream then became public, because for the future of humanity it will be necessary to expand our consciousness. Steiner also recognised that the spiritual world wanted a renewal of the Christian church. He then took on the task of bringing together the “hands of the gods” with “human hands” in preparing, founding and nurturing this movement for religious renewal (1920–1924).

Since then, people’s consciousness has changed. How are priests to consider the future of The Christian Community with the members on an equal footing, seeing them partners of Christian-religious renewal? And how is the priestly task to have its permanent place, so that the essence of The Christian Community does not become diluted through democratic considerations of the everyday consciousness?

The central task is the sacraments, and this can manifest in two ways. On the one hand the aspiration of anthroposophy is discover the spiritual world from a non-traditional, non-denominational side. This, too, leads into a sacramental perspective, a *general sacrament* (cosmic ritual / spiritual communion: a reverse ritual is community building), which is also permeated by Christ. It is human consecration, but as a process with clear degrees of evolution, not in a self-contained form inspired from the spiritual world. It is a consecration of man, but not an Act of Consecration of Man.

On the other hand, by transforming the path of knowledge into the ritual of the Act of Consecration of Man, everyone can actively partake in the sacrament, out of an elementary necessity, not only out of a particular esoteric striving. The anthroposophical perspective of a general sacramental is – apart from some exceptions – only visible in small circles, while the *special sacrament*, with ordained priests and congregations has a more intensive effect, especially through repetition.

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Cognition ascending from below	Ritual descending from above
First stage	
<p>Sense perception (sense object, sense revelation) Receiving</p>	<p>Proclamation, gospel <i>Book on the left</i> (Gospel as revelation of faith) Receiving</p>
Second stage	
<p>Imagination (Memory-imagination) Imagination as purification/abstraction Actively creating</p>	<p>Offering <i>Book on right side</i> (Inner, soul sacrifice) Sacrifice as catharsis/purification Offering, actively creating</p>
Crossing of threshold	
Third stage	
<p>Mind-thinking Receiving the name of things as reception of the spiritual. Transformation of the sense impressions, defining of concepts; Holding on to clear concepts as thought Receiving</p>	<p>Transubstantiation, transformation <i>Book on the left</i> Receiving of the spirit, Transformation of earthly substances Giving, receiving</p>
Fourth stage	
<p>Reason-thinking Dissolution of concepts as process of thinking, Perception of ideas as life of the I in pure thinking. View of ideas (intuition) as communion . Actively, creatively uniting</p>	<p>Communion <i>Book on right side</i> Merging with the Ground of Existence, Becoming one with the divine Actively, creatively uniting</p>

The parallels of the four stages presented here are not merely a formal juxtaposition. Both paths are closely interwoven in mutual support. The Logos, the Christ, has lived in both since the turn of time.

Parallels and quotation from Ekkehard Meffert, Kultus und Erkenntnis, Urachhaus, 2006.

Dates for 2021

Large planning team

Info and registration: info@logos-2022.org

The current dates can be found at logos-2022.org.

Young people's planning team

Info and registration: youth@logos-2022.org

The current dates can be found at logos-2022.org.

Wurttemberg meeting: Working from the Future: The Christian Community 2022

Info and registration: m.gerhardts@posteo.de

Three times a year meetings take place in Württemberg, which deal with different topics around the Christian Community and the congregations.

Saturday, July 3, 11 am – 6 pm, Stuttgart-Möhringen community

Activities in North and Northwest Germany

Info and registration: www.michael-kirche.de

In congregations is a cycle of lectures by priests on topics related to the centenary of The Christian Community.

There will be a conference in Hanover, Germany, October 8-10, entitled *Learning from each other – Living for each other – Working for each other: Business and Christianity*. Experts from the field of economy will report about attempts on new ways and at the same time bring the question what The Christian Community can contribute in this field.

Parallel to this, there will be a youth conference.

Working group in the community of Bielefeld

Info: christengemeinschaft.org/bielefeld

The working group "100 Years of The Christian Community – Conversations about the Future" meets monthly

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