



THE LISTENER

The Threefold Community
Newsletter

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Greetings, Readers of the Threefold Listener!

A “changing of the guards” has taken place as I step into the role of steward for this traditional Threefold initiative. After more than two decades of working on this, Gino has entrusted me with this task, and I am excited to shape and refresh this newsletter.

I grew up in Threefold and attended Green Meadow Waldorf School. This place is very close to my heart. After being away for the past few years exploring other paths, I am now back as a resident of the new Youth House (more about this in the following pages). This also means I am here as a coworker of the Youth Section of the School of Spiritual Science in North America. I am helping organize various events, both nearby and distant, and I also oversee a publication coming from the Youth Section called *Futuring Now*. Additionally, I work part-time at Green Meadow and study at the Steiner School of Speech Arts.

I have many ideas for *The Listener* moving forward. While it will largely stay the same—with your regular monthly updates and calendar notices—I plan to include frequent articles, community interviews, contributions from local artists, community highlights, an updated astrophysics section led by a fellow Youth House resident and Threefold Farm intern, Ben Kibby, as well as a classifieds section. I envision *The Listener* becoming a kind of Threefold newspaper that not only shares upcoming events but also people’s stories, their work, and projects. This community is a hub for anthroposophy worldwide, and this publication aims to be its small but steady voice!

I also want to clarify that I am not necessarily the person who will hold *The Listener* for the next 25 years. I am here now. So, this will be an evolving, living process. If, as time goes by, anyone feels inspired to step into this role when I move on, I encourage you to start a dialogue!

With Michaelmas fire,
Adeline Lyons

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OCTOBER

I can belong now to myself
And shining spread my inner light
Into the dark of space and time.
Toward sleep is urging all creation,
But inmost soul must stay awake
And carry wakefully sun's glowing
Into the winter's icy flowing.

FROM RUDOLF STEINER'S CALENDAR OF THE SOUL, WEEK 25

TRANSLATION RUTH & HANS PUSCH

Wednesday

7:30 PM Sideroom | Threefold Branch of the Anthroposophical Society

1

Thursday

9:45 AM Public Eurythmy Course with Sea-Anna Vasilas on The Michael Imagination by Rudolf Steiner

2

4:00 PM Encountering the Portal of Initiation Conference begins in the Threefold Auditorium

Friday

ALL DAY Encountering the Portal of Initiation Conference

3

Saturday

10:00 AM Performance of The Portal of Initiation in Rose Hall

4

O Nature, your maternal life
I bear within the essence of my will.
And my will's fiery energy
Shall steel my spirit striving,
That sense of self springs forth from it
To hold me in myself.

FROM RUDOLF STEINER'S CALENDAR OF THE SOUL, WEEK 26

Sunday 5	9:30 AM Christian Community Sunday Service for Children 10:30 AM Christian Community The Consecration of the Human Being Encountering the Portal of Initiation Conference ends at noon
Monday 6	7:30 PM Reinvigorating the Anthroposophic Society through Branch Finance / Presentations from Christopher Houghton Budd in the Side Room of the Auditorium
Tuesday 7	7:30 PM Reinvigorating the Anthroposophic Society through Branch Finance / Presentations from Christopher Houghton Budd in the Side Room of the Auditorium
Wednesday 8	7:30 PM Reinvigorating the Anthroposophic Society through Branch Finance / Presentations from Christopher Houghton Budd in the Side Room of the Auditorium
Thursday 9	9:45 AM Public Eurythmy Course with Sea-Anna Vasilas on The Michael Imagination by Rudolf Steiner 7:00 PM Fellowship Community Choir in the Goethe Room
Friday 10	
Saturday 11	9:00 AM Biodynamic Preparations Workshop at The Pfeiffer Center

When to my being's depths I penetrate,
There stirs expectant longing
That self-observing, I may find myself
As gift of summer sun, a seed
That warming lives in autumn mood
As germinating force of soul.

FROM RUDOLF STEINER'S CALENDAR OF THE SOUL, WEEK 27

Sunday
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9:30 AM Christian Community | Sunday Service for Children
10:30 AM Christian Community | The Consecration of the Human Being

Monday
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Tuesday
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Wednesday
15

7:30 PM Sideroom | Threefold Branch of the Anthroposophical Society

Thursday
16

7:00 PM Fellowship Community Choir in the Goethe Room

Friday
17

1:45pm Speech Chorus in the Red Barn Studio

Saturday
18

10 AM A Speech Eurythmy Series of 12 sessions with Natasha Moss for Professional Eurythmists at ESV
ALL DAY Green Meadow Fall Fair

I can, in newly quickened inner life,
Sense wide horizons in myself.
The force and radiance of my thought —
Coming from soul's sun power —
Can solve the mysteries of life,
And grant fulfillment now to wishes
Whose wings have long been lamed by hope.

FROM RUDOLF STEINER'S CALENDAR OF THE SOUL, WEEK 28

Sunday 19	9:30 AM Christian Community Sunday Service for Children 10:30 AM Christian Community The Consecration of the Human Being
Monday 20	11:15 AM Correlating Natural Science & Spiritual Science: A Series of Presentations by Michael Judge at ESV 1:30 PM Speech Chorus in the Red Barn Studio
Tuesday 21	11:15 AM Correlating Natural Science & Spiritual Science: A Series of Presentations by Michael Judge at ESV
Wednesday 22	11:15 AM Correlating Natural Science & Spiritual Science: A Series of Presentations by Michael Judge at ESV 7:30 PM Sideroom Threefold Branch of the Anthroposophical Society
Thursday 23	7:00 PM Fellowship Community Choir in the Goethe Room
Friday 24	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Christian Community Tag Sale 1:45pm Speech Chorus in the Red Barn Studio
Saturday 25	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Beginning Anthroposophy: Intro Course 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Christian Community Tag Sale 10:00 AM A Speech Eurythmy Series of 12 sessions with Natasha Moss for Professional Eurythmists at ESV 4:00 PM Threefold Community Farm-to-Table Benefit Dinner at the Threefold Cafe

To fan the spark of thinking into flame
By my own strong endeavor,
To read life's inner meaning
Out of the cosmic spirit's fount of strength:
This is my summer heritage,
My autumn solace, and my winter hope.

FROM RUDOLF STEINER'S CALENDAR OF THE SOUL, WEEK 29

Sunday
26

9:30 AM Christian Community | Sunday Service for Children
10:30 AM Christian Community | The Consecration of the Human Being
3:30 PM Book Launch of "Knitting by Heart" at the Threefold Cafe

Monday
27

1:30 PM Speech Chorus in the Red Barn Studio

Tuesday
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Wednesday
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7:30 PM Sideroom | Threefold Branch of the Anthroposophical Society
7:30 PM 10th grade play in Rose Hall

Thursday
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7:00 PM Fellowship Community Choir in the Goethe Room
7:30 PM 10th grade play in Rose Hall

Friday
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1:45pm Speech Chorus in the Red Barn Studio
6:00 PM Enchanted Halloween Walk
7:30 PM 10th grade play in Rose Hall

Draw the sword from the stone
Your birthright is the throne
Kneel before the Most High
And ask to be shown



Seed Song by Bride Alona McWilliam

As all mighty oaks are acorns
that have grown

Crowned with the wisdom
that we are never alone

If we never made mistakes

We would never have known

by Sean Goddard

Greetings Threefold Community,

My name is Ben Kibby, and I am an intern on the Threefold Community Farm and an astrologer. I've studied a variety of astrological traditions, while my formal training has focused on the theory and practice that was used in the ancient Greco-Roman world. This month, I'll be moving into the Youth House for a residency program where I'll be continuing to develop my skills and business.

I was recently approached by Adeline to see if I'd be interested in contributing a commentary to The Listener on the celestial movements each month, and I was really honored and thrilled to be given this opportunity. Not only have I been wanting to share my own forecasts, but it will also provide me with time to do some important spiritual-scientific research. Since I'll be studying astrology from an anthroposophical perspective, I will be adopting the zodiac that is used in the Stella Natura planting calendar and by Willi Sucher, a pioneer in the field of astrosophy. This zodiac is referred to as the "true sidereal" or "unequal" zodiac, which is based on the actual size and position of the constellations (distinguishing it from the majority of sidereal astrologers, who use approximate locations and an equal division). My first report will appear in the November issue, and I really hope that you'll find it to be a source of inspiration.

The planets and stars "out there" are also within us. According to the depth psychologist and philosopher Keiron Le Grice, the psyche of the solar system is congruent with our own, which means that we are within the psyche, and not the other way around. By paying attention to the heavenly spheres, we are really engaging in a study "of the mind of the solar system" (The Archetypal Cosmos, 143). Lifting ourselves above the hustle of everyday life, we can contemplate the eternal Ideas that lie behind our circumstances. It is really a meditation on the Cosmic Plan, by which we can tune our hearts and minds to the frequency of angelic beings.

Stay tuned,
Ben Kibby

Moon Calendar October 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1  Waxing Gibbous	2  Waxing Gibbous	3  Waxing Gibbous	4  Waxing Gibbous	5  Waxing Gibbous
6  Waxing Gibbous	7  Full Moon	8  Waning Gibbous	9  Waning Gibbous	10  Waning Gibbous	11  Waning Gibbous	12  Waning Gibbous
13  Waning Gibbous	14  Waning Gibbous	15  Last Quarter	16  Waning Crescent	17  Waning Crescent	18  Waning Crescent	19  Waning Crescent
20  Waning Crescent	21  New Moon	22  New Moon	23  Waxing Crescent	24  Waxing Crescent	25  Waxing Crescent	26  Waxing Crescent
27  Waxing Crescent	28  Waxing Crescent	29  First Quarter	30  First Quarter	31  Waxing Gibbous		



Honoring Hildegard Cellier

September 28th, 1936-August 20th, 2025

By Adeline Lyons

She can be found in every color, every season, every force of nature. Her being takes a storm and turns it into a mighty adventure full of dynamic change and impulse. She walks alongside angels, even on her way to the mailbox with bare feet in the winter. There's really no texture of earthly life that Hildegard has not engaged with or woven into a tapestry. Berries, grains, fairies, games, quarries, flames, garnets, moss, harvest, wasps, hornets, socks—an array of all the potency our senses can perceive adorns the life of Hildegard Cellier.

I want to honor Hildegard in this publication that reaches so many in Threefold, because for over two decades, Hildegard was a prominent and formidable presence in this community. Today, perhaps, you might find a parent or two wondering what to do with their too-young-for-school child or their school-age kid after school. But not so long ago, during Hildegard's time, this question was easily answered. You sent him or her to "Hildegard's," obviously. This meant you dropped your child off at a two-story white house in "The Birds," which was surrounded by a forested "yard" that was actually

a fairytale world. Your child would spend the day alongside twenty or so other children, and when you picked them up, you'd receive rosy cheeks, a full belly, and likely a big bouquet, fresh "Hildegard bread," and you'd leave your money in a wooden house on top of the fridge by lifting off the roof. You wouldn't know if Hildegard ever counted the cash, but you would never doubt that her childcare was abundant.

Calling her place a childcare is a simple label. It was truly *life*—a way of living and growing up. It extended beyond school or kindergarten—the pedagogy was life itself. This sometimes meant disharmony and chaos; scraped knees, sprained ankles, and fights among children were more common there than at any regular school. Such was the genius of her approach to child-rearing: let them forge their own learning experience! The occasional peaceable song and circle game quickly gave way to creative play among chanterelles, blueberries in Harriman Park, sheepskin rugs, mythological sandboxes, and a garden of wildflowers more exuberant than any cultivated patch. Naptime at Hildegard's ended with almonds tossed in the air and landing on the bed, so waking up meant searching for a snack—the real world! Naturally, when the "Hildegard children" transferred to Green Meadow, the kindergarten and class teachers nervously hoped for the best. It was like releasing a lion cub into a pen of kittens. Hildegard was no angelic "sing-songy" peace-maker. She was rough, embodying, like I said, *every* color. She turned dark red when she heard a whiny voice, fiery orange at the sight of a "show-off," serene blue during trips to Harriman Park, bright yellow racing down the highway with ten unbuckled children in her sheepskin Cadillac, crying "duck!" when a police car sped by. She shifted to purple at Christmas, with low flames of birth lit on her Christmas tree, which she always cut herself by climbing a nearby non-deciduous tree and snatching off its top with a saw. She glowed with gold at Easter, expressing her deep connection with the risen Christ through song, craft, flowers, and service at the Christian Community Church. She yelled, sang, held, and rang!

When she was shut down by the authorities for lacking an adequate childcare license, I was fortunate to be one of her two legal children for a few years. These were quiet years that my memory does not distill into anecdotes, but I feel in the changing of the seasons themselves a quality that reminds me of those times. Hildegard understood the elemental world deeply, and this resonated with everyone she walked beside. At this time of year, I feel her presence strongly, perhaps because she was born the day before Michaelmas, but also because the way nature comes to rest exactly mirrors how I saw her rest this August—graceful, weathered hands folded on her deep purple, long embroidered dress she often wore. Her body, like the fallen leaves, was just a body; meanwhile, a soaring, roaring spirit climbs to the heights of the coming, quiet winter.

Hildegard moved to Maine over ten years ago, where she spent about five years. Visiting her there, it was clear that a place as rich in natural beauty as Maine was rejoicing to have Hildegard's feet walk along its shores and dig in its sand for mussels. You could find her on a mountain harvesting mica from the rocks, or wrapped in blankets on the beach of Reid State Park, knitting, or eating an *entire* lobster at Five

Islands Lobster Co. in Georgetown. I could go on and on about the activities Hildegard engaged in daily. She should serve as real proof to anyone suffering from “boredom” or “apathy” that these qualities are banished by simple, true dedication to and love for life. Hildegard’s world was filled with wonder, reverence, and truly admirable willpower.

She moved to the Fellowship Community in 2018, where she spent nearly five years. There, her memory slowly began to fade. One would catch her stealing cutlery from the dinner table and storing a stash in her sock drawer, or sticking an entire vase of flowers into her bun, or sneaking off into the forest to the alarm of her caregivers. After one such incident, upon walking back to Hilltop House with one such distraught coworker, she said, “There is really no need for you to find me so often.” Her old age revealed only more clearly her pioneering spirit—one of strict independence. Also, her intensely creative soul. She could be found sitting outside Hilltop House beside a heap of straw from the farm, cutting pieces with which to make straw stars. It also revealed her enthusiastic character. An occasion might find her at the window, cheering on the arborists outside, who were on the clock, felling a tree *a la* Fellowship contract. “What gymnasts!” she might exclaim. “Bravo!!”

I feel absolutely blessed to have spent two years as one of Hildegard’s “caregivers” during this time at the Fellowship. It was a completion of the “life” she taught me when I was a child. There, she showed me the wisdom of age. She showed me how one can lose the faculties of the mind and turn instead toward the forces of the heart. She still remembered all the songs, so she continued to show us all the songs, as well as joy, upset, and calm. What calm she showed, after the storm and brilliance of her life!

Dear Hildegard, you blessed this place, Spring Valley, with a truly juicy, heart-filled, deeply influential biography. May those whose lives you touched and transformed carry you deeply within their thoughts, hearts, and limbs as they continue their work in the world. I am convinced that your crossing has strengthened the forces of nature around us, and that one can, by giving their attention to the seasons and colors themselves, learn all they need to know for doing this time around.

With love absolute!





The Threefold Branch *of the* *Anthroposophical Society in America*

THE THREEFOLD BRANCH MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 PM IN THE SIDE ROOM OF THE AUDITORIUM.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

THE BRANCH IS CURRENTLY WORKING WITH THE MICHAEL LETTERS WRITTEN BY RUDOLF STEINER 1924/25

In light of the current work being done in the community with Rudolf Steiner's first Mystery Drama, *The Portal of Initiation*, I have decided to include a monologue given by Benedictus in Scene 7.

Translated by Richard Ramsbotham.

Wisdom herself will teach you
That the highest of all can be achieved
When souls, who grant to one another
Spirit-certainty,
Faithfully unite themselves
For the sake of world-healing.
Spirit guidance once united you in knowledge,
Now unite yourselves in active spirit-work.
The Powers of this realm now give to you
Through my mouth
These sacred words of strength:

*The weaving spirit of the light, it shines
From human being to human being,
Filling all the world with truth.*

*The blessing of love, it warms
The soul---through other souls---
Working blessed joy through all the worlds.*

*And when human beings, who in another find themselves,
Can carry both of these,
The light of spirit shines through warmth of soul.*



Community Speech Chorus

Mondays 1:30-2:15, Fridays 1:45-3:00 p.m. beginning **October 17th, 2025**, in the Red Barn Studio

A new block of fifteen Speech Chorus sessions begins in October. Join the full-time students of the Speech School in preparing and presenting contributions to the Threefold Community All Souls and Christmas Festivals. Free and deepen the breath, reach for colorful quality in the spoken sounds, and enrich shared imagination---bringing speech to life in community.

Sliding scale available -- contribute what you can, \$50-\$200.

Contact Jennifer Kleinbach for information, to register, and for a detailed calendar: jennykbach@gmail.com





ESV Upcoming Events

Thursdays, September 25, October 2, October 9, 2025, 9:45 am – 10:45 am **Public Eurythmy Course with Sea-Anna Vasilason The Michael Imagination by Rudolf Steiner** School of Eurythmy, 289 Hungry Hollow Road, Chestnut Ridge, NY

Saturdays, October 18 through January 24, 10 am – 11:30 am
A Speech Eurythmy Series of 12 sessions with Natasha Moss for Professional Eurythmists
School of Eurythmy, 289 Hungry Hollow Road, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, October 20-22, 2025, at 11:15 am and 1:45 pm

**Correlating Natural Science & Spiritual Science:
Demonstrating Plausible Coherence in Human Evolution
A Series of Presentations by Michael Judge**

School of Eurythmy, 289 Hungry Hollow Road, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977

Saturday, November 1, 2025, 9 am – 10:30 am, 11 am – 12:30 pm, 3:30 – 5 pm
A Tone Eurythmy Workshop on Ave Verum with Dorothea Mier for Professional Eurythmists
School of Eurythmy, 289 Hungry Hollow Road Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977



**For more information about the events, courses, trainings, please visit our website at eurythmy.org.
You can also email us at info@eurythmy.org.**



SATURDAY OCTOBER 25th

4 - 9pm

\$150 pre-registration



The Biodynamic Compost Preparations

ONE-DAY BIODYNAMIC WORKSHOP OCT 11, 2025 9-5PM

The biodynamic preparations **harness life-regulating processes** and are subtle catalysts to help create conditions for healthy growth. Mac Mead and Megan Durney lead us in making several of the biodynamic compost preparations and discuss their **healing effects on soil and plants. Tuition: \$125**



Scan to register



THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY MOVEMENT FOR RELIGIOUS RENEWAL

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SAVE THE DATES!

The Christian Community Church

FUNDRAISING TAG SALE!

October 24-25, 2025

Friday, Noon to 5:00

Saturday, 9:00-5:00

Please bring your items to church on Sunday, Oct. 19, 1:00-5:00,
or Monday, Oct. 20, 9-5:00.

On Thursday, outdoor equipment or furniture (to be covered)
should be left on the walkway.

Note: We accept books from anthroposophical and related authors only, please.
Please direct questions to mariaburbank@gmail.com or text Ana at 914-705-3021.

Thank you and we hope to see you at the sale!

Fiber Craft Studio
THREEFOLD EDUCATIONAL CENTER

A Festive Book Launch/Signing at the Threefold Cafe

Sunday, October 26, 3:30 - 5:00

Drinks and Refreshments will be offered

Please join Renate Hiller, Mikae Toma (visiting from Japan), and friends from the Fiber Craft Studio for an introduction to KNITTING BY HEART. The evening will include a showing of knitted sample projects, many of them dyed with plants from the gardens of the Threefold Community.

The book is a practical and spiritual guide for all knitters and represents a distillation of years of research, practice and teaching -- in collaboration with many people -- by Renate Hiller and Mikae Toma, former co-directors of the Fiber Craft Studio. It has been lovingly designed by Claudio Rodriguez and includes many exquisite photographs taken on our Threefold land.

Inspired by Rudolf Steiner's teaching and call for a renewal of the art of clothing, KNITTING BY HEART is an invitation to slow down to create with purpose and loving attention --with head, heart and hands.

It explores how artistic handwork not only nurtures the creative spirit but also cultivates a deeper relationship with the natural world. The project designs and their variations -- are based on spiral, vertical and horizontal gestures -- and evolve from simple headbands and scarves to tunics, sweaters and jackets.

A portion of the revenue from the sales of this book will be donated to the Fiber Craft Studio's Applied Arts Scholarship Fund.





Applied Arts Program

A Four-Year, Part-Time, In-person Training for Teachers of Handwork

Heather Collis Puro and Chris Marlow, Program Co-Directors

14th Cycle starts March 15 – 20, 2026

This part-time, four-year professional training for handwork teachers meets for two weeks each summer and one week each winter, covering two grades per year. In the program, students hone their handwork skills, strengthen their capacities, and deepen their creative potential. Learning how to bring these experiences to children is at the heart of the Applied Arts Program. Though presented primarily in the context of Waldorf education, the program is equally beneficial for teachers in all kinds of schools, including homeschool settings.



Save the Dates!



Workshops & Events **COMING UP!!**

ONLINE OCTOBER 3-4 / NOVEMBER 7-8 / JANUARY 16-17

Building Reciprocal Relationships with Our Indigenous Communities

ONLINE OCTOBER 17-18 / NOVEMBER 21-22 / JANUARY 23-24 / FEBRUARY 27-28 / APRIL 17-18

High School Teacher Education Classes • Stephen Sagarin

ONLINE OCTOBER 18 / NOVEMBER 22 / JANUARY 10 / FEBRUARY 28 / MARCH 7 / APRIL 18

EC Insights • Lisa Miccio, Motria Shuhan, Rie Seo & Meggan Gill

ONLINE OCTOBER 18 / NOVEMBER 22 / JANUARY 10 / FEBRUARY 28 / MARCH 7 / APRIL 18

Deepening the Picture of the Whole Child • Nancy Blanning

ONLINE JANUARY 9-10 / FEBRUARY 7

Bringing Diverse Music to Your Classroom • Jayanthi Bunyan

IN PERSON! JANUARY 23-24

Waldorf Weekend *Introductory Workshop* • Meggan Gill & Elizabeth Hall

ONLINE FEBRUARY 6-7 / MARCH 13-14

Creating, Implementing & Sustaining a Feedback Culture

• Jessica & Joachim Ziegler

ONLINE APRIL 24-25

Introduction to “Grounded in Practice” Foundation Studies

• Sarah Nelson & Rubeena Sandhu

Online Admissions Meet & Greets

Oct.8 Early Childhood / Oct.22 Elementary & World Languages / Oct. 29 High School

Details & registration: sunbridge.edu



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Reinvigorating the Anthroposophical Society Through Branch Finance

A Michaelmas Event in Chestnut Ridge (Spring Valley) New York
With Christopher Houghton Budd*

Three presentation-based conversations
7:30 pm, Side Room of the Threefold Auditorium

<u>Monday October 6</u> <i>The Lost Section and the Task of Treasurers</i> From endowment to creation to enactment Where finance is researched	<u>Tuesday October 7</u> <i>From St. Gallen to Spring Valley and Beyond</i> The threefold foundation of the Anthroposophical Society School, Society, Resources	<u>Wednesday October 8</u> <i>Rudolf Steiner's House</i> The History and Future of the Goetheanum Association A work in progress...
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As you may know, in the past two years, together with Lorene Allen, I have visited a number of branches of the Anthroposophical Society in the US. We have done this as members of the ASA concerned to see and understand how branch finances work, but also as a way of exploring the idea that, just as the (now 37) Country Societies in principle carry the finances of the General Society at the Goetheanum, so a Country Society could be carried by its branches. In this way, the Christmas Conference impulse can be aligned with today's circumstances in regard to the Treasurers Guidelines, the shared chart of accounts and other considerations being implemented by Society treasurers around the world.

For many reasons both inner and outer, karmic and practical, the ASA is a particular, and particularly important, case in point. For this reason, I am taking the opportunity when in the US for the annual meeting to organize a twin event in Spring Valley 6-8 October. (See attached provisional program.)

Following on from previous workshops in Ann Arbor and Spring Valley, this gathering will provide a two-day intensive seminar to focus on the ideas developed in the last 18 months concerning 'associated branches' (see p.14 ff Treasurers Report). In the evenings, there will be three conversations open to branch members based on themes currently at the center of the Anthroposophical Society's financial and organizational heart.

Christopher Houghton Budd

* Christopher Houghton Budd is the convenor of the Economics Conference of the Goetheanum, a member of the ASA, a founder board member of the Goetheanum Fund Worldwide and participant in the Circle of Treasurers (representing Quito, Ecuador).

Sponsored by the Threefold Branch of the Anthroposophical Society
Suggested Donation: \$10/\$5



Beginning Anthroposophy *The Threefold Course*

An introductory course in Anthroposophy through group conversation, seminars, and hands-on artistic experience for anyone seeking a greater understanding of the three-fold nature of the human being – body, soul, and spirit – and how to put this wisdom into practice!

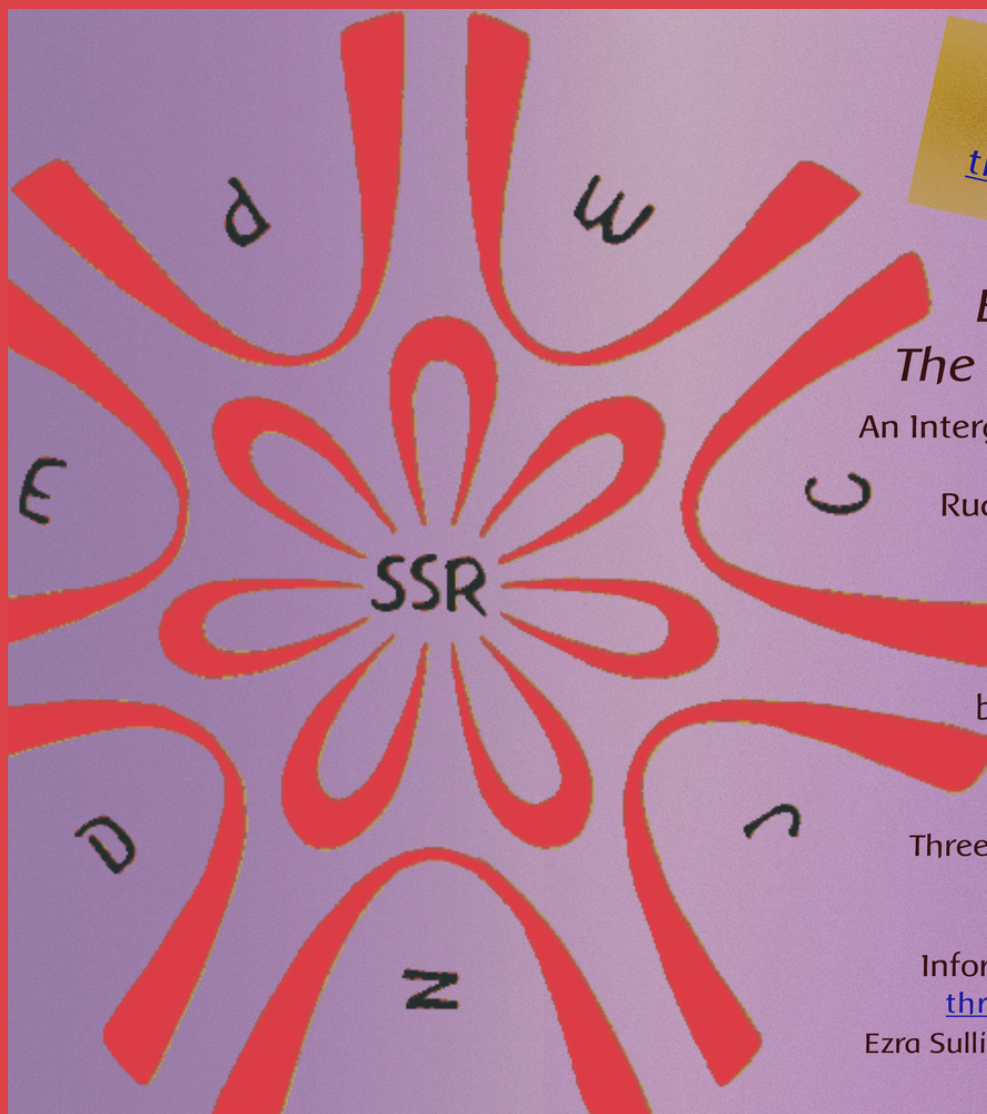
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If you like to sing—or if you would like to like to sing—come on Thursday. Even if you are shy, you will feel happy at the end of the hour.

Dispatches from the **Threefold Youth House** . . .



The Threefold Youth House
EZRA SULLIVAN

The Youth House is a new initiative of the Threefold Educational Foundation and School in Chestnut Ridge, New York. The Threefold Educational Foundation has been bringing the teachings of anthroposophy into practice since 1926, through initiatives in education, spiritual scientific research, agriculture, and the arts. Twelve unique institutions, along with several neighboring ones, find their home within the context of Threefold, all united in their pursuit of a modern path of initiation.

The Youth House is an affiliate of the Youth Section of the School for Spiritual Science and will serve as a key focal point for the work of the Youth Section in North America. The School of Spiritual Science was founded in 1923 to be a new impulse in human society, for the creation and development of spiritual research. The School has its headquarters at the Goetheanum in Switzerland, and is supported by the General Anthroposophical Society, which comprises thirty-seven country societies and 42,000 members. The School is composed of twelve sections, with the Youth Section serving the spiritual striving of the youth.

At this time, the Anthroposophical Movement is facing a major crisis of succession. Of the 42,000 members of the Anthroposophical Society globally, about 4% are under the age of 40. And of the 20,000 members of the School for Spiritual Science, there are 300 members under the age of 40. This crisis extends to the initiatives, where the Waldorf Schools have been experiencing a chronically low supply of new teachers for many years. Meanwhile, the average age among the hundreds of participants at Rudolf Steiner's final address at Michaelmas of 1924 was thirty years old. Willem Zeylmans van Emmichoven was thirty years old when he was appointed by Rudolf Steiner to be the first General Secretary of the Anthroposophical Society in the Netherlands. Finally, the average age of the original Executive Council of the General Anthroposophical Society in 1923 was forty-six years old. New generations are not coming to the movement because what is being offered is not captivating to them.

The mission of the Youth House is to renew anthroposophy into a meaningful, legible, and practical movement for today. Anthroposophy is a path of knowing, of sourcing spiritual wisdom. Often the path can be mistaken for the destination, but the origin and destination of most spiritual traditions is universal truth. Anthroposophy's mission is to support the human soul through initiation. Initiation is a path of self-knowledge in which knowledge becomes wisdom through the birth of the true self, love. The process of initiation prepares the individual to give more, and more in freedom and service to justice.

The greatest injustice, the ultimate conspiracy, that humanity faces today is materialism. Young individuals are often the most at risk and on the frontlines in this battle with materialistic forces seeking to dominate attention and meaning. The signs of struggle appear as social isolation, screen addiction, and mental health crises. But the Earth and the stars are conspiring for human beings to experience the realities prepared to become, through love. We become truly human when we choose to give our life energies to light and love rather than desire and mistrust. It is as simple as doing what one knows to be true, to develop the willingness to be ourselves.

The Youth House creates a co-working space in which young adults are mentored and empowered to develop the seeds they bring to sow into the earth. Our vision for the work of the Youth Section is not to sequester young folks off to the side where they do superficial activities, but to be a welcoming party for the future of the Anthroposophical Movement. The Youth Section is not exclusively for those who are not yet ready to engage directly in the teachings of anthroposophy. The way anthroposophy is taught and represented, not anthroposophy itself, has to change to meet a new time. The Youth Section has this capacity: to create new thinking, art, and initiatives and host everyone in our creations.

The vision of the Youth House is a continuity of creation founded in love. To do this we renew and transform the declining forms of society and culture so that the past can give to the future. When we truly engage in a transformation process, we don't know what will come out on the other end. When a free act is not for outcome, ultimately, in creation, there is no protection for our expectations or the status quo.. Transformation goes beyond intention, and even beyond receptivity, into a third faculty of the human soul: creation. The processes of transformation are not one thing becoming another through conscious intention, conscious activity doesn't necessarily mean knowing what one will do before one does it. Transformation involves a certain degree of improvisation because to truly step into creation is to enter the unknown. In Genesis, the darkness was created for a distinct purpose: To provide a schooling of consciousness for the light to move towards its highest form of expression.

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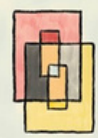
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