

## *A Wonderful Opportunity*

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### A Seminary RETREAT

Do you need to replenish your inner life? Do you want to deepen or strengthen your sacramental life in order to continue and invigorate your outer journey? To this end we will be opening some of our courses to members and friends in the form of weeklong retreats. It is a wonderful opportunity to participate in the life of the seminary and to develop a more intimate relationship to our Movement for Religious Renewal. Come and join us!



# THE SEMINARY OF THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IN SPRING VALLEY, NY

## *Retreats, Open Courses*

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*Our whole life is an act of worship. In ordinary life, we serve like priests at the altar.*  
-Novalis

In addition to providing training for the vocation of priest, the Seminary of The Christian Community wishes to support all those seeking a relationship with the living Christ by offering workshops, weeklong courses and retreats.

### *The Program*

The program will vary, depending on length and location. It will include the daily celebration of the Act of Consecration of Man, some shared meals, gospel or some other study, conversation and artistic activity in addition to the morning or evening main course.

### *Contributions*

Even if you are unable to attend a retreat, you can participate in the life of the Seminary through a financial contribution. If you are able and willing to make a donation, please send a check payable to: Seminary of The Christian Community. See address below. Thank You!

*Fall 2012*  
*Open Courses*  
*Week-long Retreats*

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**October 1 – 5, 9:30 – 10:45 am**

**The Incarnation of the Logos in Language**

**John Wulsin**, Chestnut Ridge

Poet and Waldorf High school teacher for nearly a lifetime

How does the Word work in our world? How does it work to create our world? How do we work with the Word to help recreate our world? What is the relationship between the Word and the Spirit of a language, in our case the English language? How does the evolving English language reflect and affect the evolving human beings living through it? We will work with vowels and consonants, ancient Greek, Old Anglo-Saxon, Middle English (Chaucer), Shakespeare, Coleridge, Whitman, Dickinson and contemporary poets. How can we speak (and write) today in ways, which allow the Logos to continue to incarnate, helping us all to incarnate as healthily as possible?

**October 17-19, 9:30 - 10:45 am**

**The Mystery of Evil: A Manichaeon Vision of the Future**

**Christine Gruwez**, The Netherlands

The intention of these three morning lectures is to focus on Steiner's view regarding what he calls the 'Initiation of Mankind into the Mystery of Evil in our Era. Christine Gruwez has pursued studies in philosophy and Iranian culture and taught in Waldorf Schools. For the past fifteen years she has offered seminars both in and outside Europe on "The Dialogue between Christianity and Islam," "Finding Meaning in a Contemporary Life," and "Manichaeism." Christine traveled in the Near and Middle East and along the Silk Road, visiting places where Manichaeon Communities have lived in the past. Her book about Iran: 'Die Farbe Gottes' was published in German.

**Oct. 29 – Nov. 2, 7:30 – 9:00 pm**  
**Evolution, Spiritual Science and Christianity – Confronting the Rift Between Science and Religion**

**Michael Judge**, Washington DC

Traditional religion denies or concedes the powerful rise of modern science. Either way, traditional religion is forced to adapt to modern science. Between two polar opposites of traditional revelation and modern science, a new phenomenon has come to birth to begin to offer a surprising resolution to a seemingly impossible gap. Spiritual Science is this new phenomenon. Its scope researches into the truth of the spiritual and the physical and begins now to enable a **religion of the future** to fully incorporate modern science. Using Spiritual Science we will in this course address the subject of Evolution to demonstrate how science and religion can come together.

**November 12 – 16, 9:30 – 10:45 am**

**Angels - Divine Messengers**

**Rev. Julia Polter**, Boston

Rudolf Steiner's Angelology can deepen our individual spiritual striving and inspire communities who seek religious renewal. We will look at the role of angels in contemporary mainstream culture, in the history of human development, and in the larger context of Anthroposophy in order to explore how our work within the Christian Community could contribute to a modern revelation of the spiritual world. **In addition on the theme: Two evening lectures at 7:30 pm Tuesday/Thursday, Nov. 13 & 15**

**November 19 – 21 A Three day conference**  
**The Organic Basis for the Life of Soul in Relation to the Christian Mysteries**

**James Dyson**, MD, Britain

In this course the attempt will be made to unfold a basis for appreciating that both freedom and love, although both in the world but not of the world, nevertheless depend on organic preconditions to become manifest. The Being

Whom we name Christ has - and continues to - participate in the creating and maintaining of these processes of life and of soul, mainly unrecognized. The context of this course is to deepen an appreciation for how the New - or Sacred - Mysteries of social life and relationship, including those of reincarnation and karma, are awaiting recognition and mobilization as the New Christian Mysteries. The series of talks will refer to some aspects of James' original research into the life processes, both in their expression as soul processes and as instruments through which the spirit may unfold in freedom and through a path of empathy.

**For detailed schedule please email:**

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or call 212 877 0208

**Location:**

Service, breakfast and evening classes at  
The Christian Community  
15 Margetts Rd.  
Morning classes at the Seminary  
7 Carmen Ct.  
Chestnut Ridge, NY

**Cost:**

Course only, five sessions: \$50  
Single lecture \$10  
Retreat participation for the week, joining  
other seminary classes and breakfast: \$200  
Lodging not included

**Lodging:**

Please arrange with Holder House:  
[www.threefold.org/housing](http://www.threefold.org/housing)  
Or contact the seminary if you would  
like to be housed with someone from  
the congregation.

**For more information, the  
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