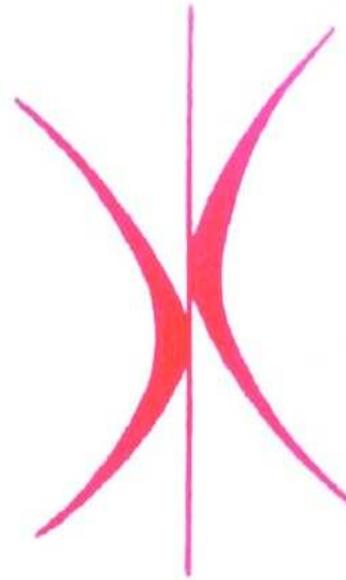


## *A Wonderful Opportunity*

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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. The retreats also offer 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 a 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, week-long courses and retreats.

### *The Program*

The program will vary, depending on its length and location. It will include the 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 the Seminary of the Christian Community, to the address below. Thank You!

# Winter/Spring 2012

## Open Courses

### Week-long Retreats

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#### **DATE CHANGE!**

Feb. 20 – 24, 2012

#### **How to Know, Confront, and Work with Evil**

For centuries, men and women have tried either to eradicate evil, or else deny its existence. In spite of these efforts, the twentieth century unleashed evil on a scale that humanity had never before seen nor experienced. In our century, it is no longer possible to ignore these powers, or simply to project them onto other individuals, groups, or some alien "Axis of Evil." In this course we will explore ways in which we can meet destructive forces, so that they grow, not from bad to worse, but from bad to good.

Bastiaan Baan, The Netherlands

Feb. 27 – March 2

#### **'Shakespeare and the Bible: Dramatic Commentaries on the Old and New Testaments.'**

Peter van Breda, Great Britain

March 5 - 9

#### **The Sermon on the Mount**

The Sermon on the Mount has often been considered a compendium of Christian ethics. While this is not wrong, the Sermon is more. At the end it is said that He speaks with "authority". The Greek word is "exusia" which points to the power of which Genesis speaks as the power of creation. - Can we come to experience the Sermon on the Mount as an act of creation?

Erk Ludwig

March 16-18

#### **Ordination Weekend**

For details check with your local congregation or  
Email: [info@christiancommunityseminary.org](mailto:info@christiancommunityseminary.org)

April 30-May 5, 2012

#### **Observation of Nature: Practice Exercises with Plants**

Rudolf Steiner suggested several approaches to unlocking the spiritual within Nature. At one end of the spectrum are direct descriptions of the activities of spiritual beings, at the other exercises in how to observe – mainly plants – natural objects, as a first step to the other pole. The basic key is to work first on these outer Forms and let the soul relate them one to another to reveal the Metamorphosis *behind* them (something already supersensible!). A further stage is to grasp the *cause* of this metamorphosis through studying its outer Gesture. By working from both poles towards the center, we reach into the activities of the spirit within the outer world.

Roger Druitt, Great Britain

April 2 – 6

#### **Holy Week Retreat**

The Cross - Casting its Shadow  
on the Greening Earth

Daily service, study, conversation, artistic activities

Jonah Evans, Oliver Steinrueck, Gisela Wielki

April 16 – 20

#### **Jesus or Christ: The Evolution of American Christianity**

Sanford Miller

May 7 – 11

#### **Sophia, the Holy Spirit and the Divine Feminine**

What stands behind all the various ways the term "Maria-Sophia" is understood today? This question will require us to consider the evolution of wisdom, the history of human perception, the evolution of consciousness, church history and the roles played by the masculine and feminine poles of cosmic and human being.

James Hindes

*Our life is an apprenticeship to the truth.... No facts to me are sacred; none are profane; I simply experiment, an endless seeker...the coming only is sacred. Nothing is secure but life, transition, the emerging spirit. - R.W. Emerson*

#### **Location:**

At The Christian Community  
15 Margetts Rd.  
Chestnut Ridge, NY 10952

#### **Cost:**

Course only, five sessions: \$50  
With participation in other seminary classes and breakfast, but not lodging: \$200

#### **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 daily schedule and to register, please contact:**

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