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Consecrating Humanity

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Meetings 2020/21

Large Planning Team **Saturdays 11 - 18 Uhr**

Applications: info@cg-2022.org

06.02.21 Please ask for location
20.03.21 Please ask for location
12.06.21 Please ask for location

Youth Planningteam **Saturdays and Sundays**

Applications: youth@cg-2022.org

28.12.20 - New Year's Meeting
01.02.21 Haus Freudenberg

19. - 21.02 Berlin-Kleinmachnow
01. - 02.05.21 Congregation Köln-East

Württemberg Meeting **Saturday 11 - 18 Uhr**

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12.12.20 Congregation Stuttgart-Central
06.03.21 Please ask for location
03.07.21 Please ask for location

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LOGOS – Consecrating Humanity

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The title of our conference has now been established. The first and main concept is **LOGOS**: the Word of God, the creating Word, the Word incarnate, the primordial beginning of heaven, earth and man, the origin of man in the world, the starting point of the world with its people, the Word present, the Word coming again and again – all this and much more has something to do with us, with the Christian Community. We Christians are connected to this Word, we are committed to it, and we want to serve it.

What is it, then, that sounds out to us from the Logos ever and again? It may be an affirmation of love that embraces us with all our strengths and weaknesses, with our achievements and failures, and shows us our way as human beings in the making. An affirmation of love that is spoken to us continuously, leaving us free but ready to help us find our way.

Consecrating Humanity: The transformation of humanity, of the human being, always following the present situation. What is in the present is taken up, transformed and developed.

Everything that affects the world, everything that affects us as The Christian Community, finds its place around the title and subtitle of the conference.

May this origin, this goal and this everlasting transforming power be our patron at the beginning of the second century of The Christian Community. May we remain faithful to this origin, this goal and this transforming power for all our commitment to Christianity through the Christian Community, the movement for religious renewal.

Rev. Ulrich Goebel (LOGOS planning team, Bonn, Germany)

Images of LOGOS

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First Logos
God



Second Logos
Macrocosm



Third Logos
Microcosm

LOGOS – Consecrating Humanity

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With LOGOS – Consecrating Humanity, the conference has a great, lofty name – you can hardly imagine anything greater. Many proposals had been received in advance. This title was a surprise to many who heard it for the first time at the big planning meeting in Herdecke, Germany. Everyone present agreed that this was the right title.

It will soon appear on posters. A Greek word that is timeless in its universal meaning. Who will this title address? Presumably people who have already had encountered the word, have formed a relationship to it, and cultivate this. In relation to humanity, this is a small group of people who, over the course of a century, have spread out with their communities around the world.

The words of the Act of Consecration of Man resound around the world, bringing joy, comfort and strength to our contemporaries. It also brings joy to all those who have died and who were connected with the ritual in their lives. Perhaps it even brings hope to the souls whose path to a life on earth lies before them. They too are warmly invited to participate in the celebration of the centenary of the Christian Community and its step into its second century. What are the concerns of the deceased for the future? What help, what advice can they give us for the preparation of the meeting?

Thinkers, theologians and poets have long before us struggled to understand the word LOGOS. Goethe shows Faust, after deep despair, opening the Gospel in the original text, with the words, "We are ready and yearn for revelation: and where are its light and warmth so blent as here in the New Testament." In his need for contact with the Spirit, he tries to translate the beginning of the Prologue of John. In this process, he first gives the term the meaning of word, meaning, power and finally settles for translating it as *action*.

Wherever the Word meets us, touches our soul and is moved, something within us answers. Impulses that arise from the encounter with the call to the conference are very welcome. Ideas should be put into action.

Stephanie Kuhle (LOGOS planning team, Erwitte, Germany)

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LOGOS – Consecrating Humanity is now the title of our conference. Up to now we have deliberately spoken provisionally of CG 2022, but now the planning teams have committed themselves to a message with which we want to enter our second century. While there will be translations of the subtitle, the German will use the English version.

Choosing this title took many months, so we did not make it easy for ourselves. It was not intended to be a catchy advertising slogan, nor an attention-grabbing headline on a poster, but rather a signpost for our future that expressed some content.

We know English titles are clearly understood internationally. If you are not very familiar with English, you have to think about it a little.

Let us look at some details. The Act of Consecration of Man is a deed, an act. Humanity means both the state of being human as well as the quality of being humane – being compassionate, sympathetic or generous.

The striving for humaneness is expressed in the formulation of human rights or in the Charter of the United Nations. However, we often see how difficult it is to be humane in unjust and violent living conditions. But as Christians we are striving for more than humaneness. We try to see beyond human beings here and now in this earthly world, and strive to see their full nature that reaches into higher worlds.

The title **LOGOS – Consecrating Humanity** thus emphasizes the desire, the hope, the prayer that in our time through the Logos a consecration may take place both of the whole of humanity and of humaneness.

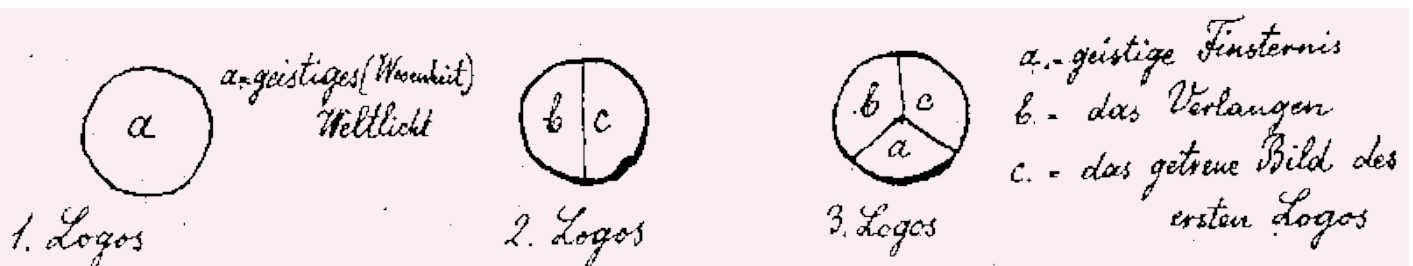
The term “consecrate” means to make something sacred, which immediately takes us to the realm of sacraments. This brings us to an important part of the conference. For the sacraments were already to be a focal point of the conference.

Many groups, organisations and states around the world are committed to humanity, to social renewal, to sustainability in every respect, to humaneness and tolerance. And we should support these as a Christian Community. However, only churches can bring the sacraments into the world, and we in the Christian Community strive for a renewed understanding of the sacraments. For this reason, various sacraments will be part of the conference, both thematically and practically – even the sacrament of Ordination of Priests will be celebrated there.

In preparation, this newsletter contained a series of contributions on the sacraments of the Christian Community, Rev Volker Harlan (Easter 2020), Rev Michael Bruhn (St John's Tide 2020), Rev Anastasiia Mazur, and Rev Tom Ravetz (Michaelmas 2020).

So let us become attuned to **LOGOS – Consecrating Humanity**. The claim that the sanctification of humanity and humaneness may take place in this time is lofty and in a way superhuman. To live up to this claim is a tremendous challenge. And time is pressing.

Wolfgang Jaschinski (Public Relations for LOGOS, Herdecke, Germany)



a. spiritual (being) cosmic light

from Rudolf Steiner:
Awareness – Life – Form, Completion Press (GA 89)

**a. spiritual darkness
b. the longing
c. the true image of the first Logos**

The North German contribution

Congregations in northern and north-western Germany are planning a joint approach over five years:

2020: Seven priests have prepared presentations with coordinated topics and are offering them to the congregations in these two regions in last part of this year. Each congregation is free to decide how many and which of the offered lectures are given. The participants are Andreas Büttner, Dr Günther Dellbrügger, Thomas Demele, Wolfgang Gädeke, Frank Hörtreiter, Ulrich Meier, Joachim Paulus.

2021: A regional conference of (all) northern German congregations will take place in Hanover from October 8 to 10, 2021. The theme is *The Christian Community and the Economy*. On the one hand, the aim is to understand what is actually happening in the field of business today and what role it plays in our individual and social lives; on the other hand, the question will be asked what representatives of business life can hope for from the Christian Community. We expect perhaps 200 participants.

2022: The international conference **LOGOS – Consecrating Humanity** will take place in Dortmund from October 7 to 11 2022.

2023: A northern German conference in Hamburg, which is to bring the impulses from Dortmund to the regions.

2024: Events in individual congregations to bring approaches to renewal that have arisen in the overall process.

Rev Jochen Butenholz (Hanover, Germany)

A meeting in Bavaria

“Truly Healing” was the theme of a meeting in Bavaria in preparation for 100 Years of The Christian Community. The result was inconclusive, because we had to stop when time ran out. We were in an exciting process discussing following topics: What can we as The Christian Community learn from the Corona crisis? How does what we are all experiencing at the moment relate to the appearance of the Antichrist? We want to work further on both topics and come to some clear conclusions.

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