

Creating Sacred Spaces **where present and future meet**



**Annual Meeting of The Christian Community
in Great Britain and Ireland**

**10th-12th June 2022 in Forest Row
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The past has formed us – the future beckons us.
Our task is to notice that every moment can become an opening for the sacred to stream in

in worship

in encounter

in prayer

In this, the centenary year of the founding of The Christian Community, we are delighted to be able to host the Annual Meeting in Forest Row. Vicke von Behr, who was until recently the Erzoberlenker, the spiritual leader of our community, will give the opening talk on The Founding of The Christian Community in the Spiritual World. The deed of the founding was not complete 100 years ago: our community is founded anew every time we celebrate the Act of Consecration of Man together.

In the conversations we held as we were preparing this meeting, we noticed that something new is asked of us as we move into the future. For one hundred years, we have experienced how our community has formed within the Act of Consecration of Man. Can we learn how to share what we have experienced there? True conversation, where we hear each other's experiences, can be a sacred space. Learning to speak and listen to spiritual experiences, we may find that we grow open to the concerns of those beyond the walls of our churches, and that we are able to speak the words that they need to hear from us. Then we would be fulfilling our purpose, which is to contribute to the consecration of the world.

The meeting will start with supper at 6pm on 10th June and conclude with lunch at 1pm on 12th June.

Vicke von Behr will speak on **The Founding of The Christian Community in the Spiritual World** at 7pm on 10th June.

The Act of Consecration of Man will be celebrated at 9am on 11th and 12th June.

We will deepen the theme with further contributions, group conversations, artistic activities and an open artistic evening, to which you are invited to contribute. The full programme will be sent after your application; there will also be updates at tinyurl.com/CC-22-sacr

It would be a great help for us if you can apply online via this link: tinyurl.com/CC-22-appl

You will find details about possibilities for accommodation there, too. There are some beds available at Emerson College and we have some offers from the congregation on a first-come, first-served basis.

We have budgeted for a span of contributions: standard (£65), supporting (£75) and supported (£55). All details are available with the application online.

If you would be unable to apply online, please send let us know your name, address, phone number, email address and any dietary or other needs, and send your cheque made out to The Christian Community in Forest Row to:

Annual Meeting, The Christian Community, Hartfield Road, Forest Row RH18 5DZ

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