

The Wind Call

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Back to the future.

THE FOUR WEEKS of celebrating Michaelmas has come and gone and we set our sights on the rounding off of the year and the beginning of yet another year cycle. However, living as we do in a Michaelic age in which the archangel Michael guides the whole of humanity as the current 'time spirit', means that the whole year and every festival – and indeed every day – has a Michaelic tone to it.

Michael's tone is one of earnest interest in humanity moving on from where it is and not getting stuck in the way things are at any particular stage of its development. To achieve this momentum into the future he readily ploughs up the status quo, sows spiritual seeds of the new to come and waits for a response in the way of a spiritual awakening from our souls. Not to embrace continuous change and ever new levels of wakefulness is to invite his plough into action. Our discomfort at being ploughed over is of little concern to him as long as the awakening is achieved.

Whether we live in fear of the change or relish the advent of the new is entirely up to us. We need courage to be able to continuously let go of what we know and grasp what is still unknown out of the future. This courage is born out of the humility which we feel whenever we make a truly honest appraisal of the state of our own humanity. There is always so much more to develop, so much more to understand, so much more to become.

One thing that there is absolutely no shortage of is our inherent human potential for creativity. What is in short supply is our belief in our creative potential and the will to put it into action. We have been schooled into a belief of our helplessness and our dependence on those who know and those who can do certain things. It is time to reclaim our own creative authority. If I find my situation in life meaningless it is because meaning is no longer just given – it is up to me to put meaning into it. It is my task to create meaning in everything that I do, in every relationship that I have, and in all that I see. If I feel myself to be in a loveless world it is up to me to engender love in my own soul and let it flow out into all that I encounter and all who I meet. Then I can experience how what I put out into the world begins to flow back from the world and suddenly I am living in a love filled world. This is a matter of choice. If I feel that I am not able to do anything meaningful in the world it is only because I am too afraid to try. I don't trust myself to experiment and possibly fail. Actually I can learn to do almost anything that anyone else can do. All that is lacking is a faith in my own creativity of will. This inherent creative strength in our thinking, our feeling and our willing is limitless and is what turns every situation into a positive one. We are bombarded by negativity in our daily lives and it is up to us to put the positive back into everything through a love of creative deed.

If we want to initiate meaningful change as a way of life, we need to develop a new love for creative deed. Little steps in creative living will develop trust in our own possibilities which in turn will lead to

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bigger steps and more change. If we set out on such a path we soon find that we are living in a different world.

This is the path in which we wish to become practiced and enthusiastic about in our build-up to the regional conference next year. The title is **WELLSPRING UNCAPPED – WELCOME LIGHT OF THE FUTURE**, and with it we will re-found ourselves as a movement for religious renewal which takes its inspiration out of the future.

So, do not be surprised by changes in the coming months.

Richard Goodall.

***The Southern African Council of the Christian Community.
Regional Council Meeting in Cape Town
August 22nd - 24th 2014: Report-back.***

FIRSTLY, OUR VERY GRATEFUL THANKS to Jessica for organising and preparing food, ably assisted by Barbara Herbert and Clara Feiter, and to all who brought contributions of food, assisted with accommodation and lifts to and from the airport. Thank you Cape Town Congregation for joining us; the Council members spent a productive weekend.

What is the purpose of the Council?

- To take responsibility for matters which go beyond those of individual communities.
- To maintain checks and balances regarding the planning, development of projects and the expenditure of loan funds flowing from external bodies.
- To have a warm and lively interest in all the centres – in the needs and struggles of each community in the whole region of southern Africa.

Once we had completed our normal business we were able to devote much of our time to the coming 50th Anniversary Conference of The Christian Community in Southern Africa that will take place next year from April 30th – May 3rd in Cape Town and will require much planning and preparation.

Inevitably our thoughts went back to Heinz Maurer and Julian Sleight who were inducted as Priests of The Christian Community in South Africa (the original name) at Whitsun 1965. What had they set out to achieve – what did they achieve?

Well, we are still going strong and so many peoples' lives have flowered in so many ways as a result of their involvement with our church. But how can we ensure a thriving movement throughout the region that will still be going strong in another 50 years time? That is our task and to succeed we must look at the needs of our time and how we can bring the unique qualities and gifts of The Christian Community to answer the needs of our children and grand-children and of all those who have not yet even been born.

Looking backwards and looking forwards: all of us have a part to play in coming up with a whole picture. This will be our **Wellspring Uncapped** Conference. Mark it in your diaries now.

Many thanks.
Leigh Sax,
Chairperson of the Council.

Dear Cape Town Community,

These contented guinea fowl in your garden illustrate the peace and harmony of a very special erf in Timour Hall Road. A special 'Thank You' once again to dear Pauline for offering me accommodation in her beautiful senior's cottage at the bottom of the garden. The success of the architectural plan - the lovely airy and curved ceilings - I found particularly delightful.

Many thanks, too, to all of you for once again hosting the Members of the Regional Council AGM and the working session on the weekend of 22 – 24 August 2014. The grand hospitality you offer with such grace and ease is fast becoming legendary!

Our palates were incredibly spoilt with many delightful goodies collected and prepared by your wizard cook, Jessica Abramson (and her assistants) who must have spent quite some time and effort in her search even as far off as Stellenbosch for the Best Quality and "Pocket-Fit". Thank you so much for your exceptional efforts!

Having been a Representative for the Windhoek Namibian Community for three years, I now begin to feel like part of a large family. We have got to know one another fairly well - our quirks, our sense of humour, linguistic specialities and more, and have come to appreciate them all. I experienced that our mutual interest in and care for each other's community is usually healthy for our own perspective.

If I may also speak for the other Representatives, I would like to say that we are proud to observe that each year we have successfully taken another large step towards good order and transparency and are able to keep within our time limit of our tight schedule of tending to the AGM business. Our mutual striving for the path and its form of expression into the future for The Christian Community in Southern Africa will culminate in the planned "Wellspring Uncapped" 2015 Autumn Conference in Cape Town.

So now the homework each representative has taken with him/her is to involve and enthuse their members and friends to find and develop their individual community's theme/topic in preparation for this Conference.

May all our searchings and workings be rich and rewarding. Best wishes and kind regards till we meet again.

Elna Kuehhirt,
Windhoek, Namibia.



Photo by Elna Kuehhirt .

THANK YOU.

A very big thank you to all the people in the team which catered for our recent Regional Conference so spectacularly, everyone who provided food, cooked or baked Also to Jessica Abramson, Barbara Herbert and Clara Feiter who were on hand to prepare, serve meals and wash up throughout. You all did us proud.

Richard Goodall.

THESE MEETING HAVE ALWAYS BEEN something to look forward to. And this year was no exception. Being fortunate to have been able to attend most of these meetings, the times around them mostly made it possible for me to combine work with some pleasure, that is to explore some of the lesser travelled parts of South Africa. This is the picture for me: to get to know more about the Southern African congregations is like exploring new territory, new parts of the country - and then to meet old friends and familiar faces again, and to get to know new ones.

Often previously raised questions and developments come up again at the meetings. But then there are the new ideas, projects and questions for and about the future - the future of The Christian Community in Southern Africa. The diversity of input by the delegates is always interesting, stimulating, and sometimes quite challenging. But who wants boring meetings?

This year the big focal point was the idea to celebrate in 2015 50 years of The Christian Community in Southern Africa. It will happen in Cape Town, and with the input by all the congregations and possible visits by overseas priests who have a connection to South Africa, it surely promises to be an important event.

Reports from the individual congregations, the Regional Council as an official entity, and the many conversations amongst the delegates, easily filled the remaining time, before it was time to say Good Bye. I have felt for a long time already that it would be good to add another day to these Regional Council Conferences, in order to cover more of all the important subjects that have to be tackled.

Oh yes, in addition to reports, discussions, administrative matters and the celebration of the Act of Consecration of Man, the delegates needed also other nourishment. This was provided by the Cape Town congregation in a magnificent way! THANK YOU!! AND a BIG Thank You , too, to those who provided accommodation for the visitors from far away. The event was again a worthwhile experience.

I look forward to the next opportunity to explore new "congregational territory".

Michael Kroesche,

And last, but certainly not the least, our celebrated caterer had a long list of acknowledgements.

Hi Everyone,

The Council Meeting has come and gone. The Council members appeared to work very hard and diligently and I feel all of this was due to the hospitality of the Western Cape Region.

A big thank you to everyone who provided cake, bread, fruit, puddings, coffee etc. Also a very big thank you to the two wonderful helpers. Barbara Herbert and Clara Feiter. I would also like to thank those people who donated money instead of food. It all went to being able to buy all the food and ingredients organically.

The Green Road Organic Farm Stall at the Waldorf School, Stellenbosch was a wonderful help. Potatoes were donated by them and I was also able to collect the milk and yoghurt and very fresh organic vegetables at little cost just before the Council Meeting. It is a great place for parents to bring their children on a Saturday morning – the breakfast is also good. The farmers that provided the Green Road with organic vegetables were Eric and Christine. Thank you so much. Aletta Venter delivered the milk and yoghurt for me once again. Aletta, on behalf of The Christian Community, thank you.

The tuck shop provided the table cloths. Thank you, Jenny, and also for your help in how to cater for so many people – it is much appreciated.

It was on the Monday after the Council Meeting that I was told I had leukemia and needed immediate treatment so all I can say is that I was very grateful for all the help from so many people – and that the Council members left again in need of exercise to reduce their weight from such wonderful meals etc.

Jessica Abramson.

Our love and best wishes for strength and courage go out to Jessica on her difficult path to recovery and good health.

Richard Goodall.



Photo courtesy of Google.

Finances.

Dear Friends,

The end of the year is coming nearer and so we ought to take stock of the financial situation of the community. I am sorry to have to tell you that our income from contributions is steadily reducing and many months of this year we either barely scraped through or we have had to deal with a deficit. This means, in order to keep going we had to draw on reserves. I am very grateful to all those that have been managing to keep up with their contributions and I also understand the challenges of those of you who just cannot manage at the moment to contribute.

This request is addressed to all others who feel they are somehow connected to this church: we do need your financial contribution as well. The more people who contribute the lighter the burden on the rest of us.

All in all I must stress that in the long run we cannot sustain ourselves on current levels and hope some of you out there will be able to assist with a regular monthly contribution – no matter how big or small.

Warm greetings to you all,
Rosemarie.

An eye-witness Report from Timour Hall Cottages.

THE OTHER DAY I was sitting looking out of my window at my stoep, musing on the joys of the approaching Spring, when I noticed what looked like a disturbance in a plant in one of the pots in front of me. A considerable amount of rustling and movement was going on in the pot.

Then a female sparrow – rather dowdy-looking I have to say – emerged carrying in her beak a long, straight piece of dry grass. She checked it out for length and weight, then carefully laid it on the edge of the plant pot. Next she signaled to her husband – Mr Sparrow, wearing his best attire and looking very dapper – to check out the building material. He hopped to the edge of the pot, picked up the piece of grass, twisted it, lifted it up and put it down.

I didn't actually see him shake his head - but surely he did! – because he hopped on to the rim of the pot and disdainfully dropped the piece of grass off the pot onto the ground below. Perhaps he muttered "Keep trying, dear – keep trying!"

Pauline Scott in Oak Cottage.

Sunday Evening Gospel Study Group.

THERE IS A REAL TREASURE in The Christian Community which has been discovered by only a handful of members even though it is available to all.

I have been one of the fortunate ones who partake from this Grail cup nourishment every Sunday evening. What is it? The Bible Study.

Each week we do an in depth exploration of the text, working our way very slowly through the Gospels, almost word by word. In this way we penetrate ever deeper and deeper into other worlds.

It is an enriching, ongoing exploration which will never have an end ... but then ... why should it? Besides, we're in no hurry for it's the journey that's important. The scenery couldn't be better as the horizon continually shifts and the companionship of like-minded, grateful passengers is very warming.

Feel free to join us.

Our grateful thanks, mainly to Richard Goodall, for opening our eyes ever wider.

Estelle Bryer.

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL to have received a wonderful prize offer for our raffle this year: a weekend for two on the Roux's farm, Petervale, at Ceres. We asked John Roux to tell us a bit more about the farm (see below). A big thank you to Reuben Roux, son of John and Jeanne, who not only helps with the farming but is also the manager of the farm accommodation, for responding so readily to our request. Our congratulations and very best wishes to Reuben and Liezl who are getting married on the farm on Saturday, 25th October. Marilize.

Petervale Guest Farm.

PETERVALE IS AN 89HA ORGANIC GUEST FARM, on the west side of the Ceres Valley against the Skurweberg Mountains. It has belonged to the Roux family for four generations, and is now managed by Reuben Roux, who went to school at Michael Oak and Constantia Waldorf.

Self-catering cottages and camping.

Petervale has three self-catering cottages, which are fully equipped and furnished in old 'farm style', and include good quality natural-fibre bedding and towels. Each sleeps four or six people, and all have indoor fireplaces, patios and outside braai facilities.

Our campsites are nestled in the forest overlooking a big beautiful dam - an ideal spot to wash away the stress and rush of city life, relax, unwind, recharge while enjoying the beautiful views of the farm and valley.

Farm activities

Activities include swimming in the amazing dam water, boating, fishing, mountain biking, hiking, and of course, just relaxing and enjoying the environment. Children love visiting the farmyard to see all the animals, pet and feed the small ones, and milk the cows. Petervale is being developed as a diversified organic farm with small pear, apple, almond and citrus orchards, a seasonal vegetable garden. Organic apple juice is pressed on the farm. We also have a herd of cows, four donkeys (and a new baby donkey!), a small flock of sheep, two tame duikers, rabbits, guinea pigs, an ostrich, chickens, bees, and a pot-belly pig called Henry.

Nature and wildlife

The farm has a large pine forest situated at the foot of the mountain, and a beautiful wild river in a kloof in the mountains, with a waterfall flowing into a deep pool called God's Bathtub (a 30 minute walk from the campsite).

Two large dams supply gravity-fed water for irrigation, and two springs supply amazing pure drinking water. There are several pastures for grazing, with a portion of the farm left uncultivated to encourage the wildlife, which including duikers, wild hares, dassies, wild cats, porcupines, fish eagles, hawks, owls, and many other varieties of birds.

John Roux.



Olivia, daughter of Rudolf (3rd son of John & Jeanne) and Carla Roux, helping to feed the farm animals.



Petervale nestles in the Skurweberg Mountains where the lucky winner of our raffle will receive a prize of two nights for two persons in an idyllic environment. Tickets will be on sale at our Family Fair on 1st

Dear Friends,

We have ONE WEEK to go to our annual Fair. Letters of reminders and requests from different stall holders for food contributions, second hand books and nearly new items have gone out.

You are warmly invited to come and enjoy our culinary treats on offer: lunches, desserts, deli items, cakes and breads, lemonade, our Tea Garden as well as boerewors and egg rolls.

This is an opportunity *par excellence* to spend social time together in a relaxed atmosphere and with live music in the background. Don't forget the foot massages for those in need of a break!

There will be craft activities in the marquee, a Fairy Garden and our puppet granny, Estelle Bryer, for the children together with our usual flagship stalls. Marilize.



Baptism.

The baptism of Jessica Lily Lacey was held on Sunday, 19th October. Warmest congratulations to the parents, Francis and Claire Lacey and the two grandmothers on the photo, Julia O'Leary and Carole Penfold. Thanks also to the photographer, Hanna von Maltitz. Marilize.

Children's Camp 2014.



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN and this year the Children's Camp will be running from the 10th to the 17th of December at Wildgarten Farm near Stanford. We already have a whole team of helpers rearing to go and planning and plotting is well under way.

So dear parents, if you want your children to attend this wonderful week of experience please get your applications and your payments in soonest to avoid disappointment. Last year we were full to capacity by the beginning of December. Richard Goodall.

Church Kitchen.

Dear All,

We are trying to ensure a steady supply of clean kitchen dish cloths so we don't suddenly find ourselves without. A few people (usually the same ones) always end up gathering up a pile of cloths and returning them laundered for which we thank them from the bottom of our hearts. It would be great if we could spread this task out amongst all those on the Tea Roster.

If you are on tea duty, and if you see your way clear to take the used cloths home with you after you have finished your tea duty to wash them, that would be a great help. Then please return as soon as possible to replenish our stock.

Rosemarie Enthoven.

Condolences.

DINI WALBURGH-SCHMIDT died on 18th September at the age of 94. She had been living at Silvermine Retirement Centre for many years.

Our condolences go out to her daughter, Pam Chanarin, and the rest of the family. Richard Goodall.

New Books & Cards – Christmas.



NEW BOOKS from Rudolf Steiner Publications will be on sale at our Family Fair on 1st November as usual, as well as here at church on 4th December for those of you wishing to start making gift purchases for Christmas.

Annette Chouler & Sue Blake.

Thank you to:

- **Pauline Scott** for donating several reams of A4 paper to the church office.
- To **Patrick & Rosemarie Enthoven** for once again applying their energies and skills to the refurbishment of two tables in the foyer, repairing two ill-fitting doors and providing our foyer with a beautifully crafted "post box" for brochures (Patrick's skills) inside of the front door as you enter.
- To **Rosemarie Enthoven** who, with the invaluable help from **Richard Goodall** did a long overdue cleaning-out and re-organizing of all the storerooms. Richard's input was essential as Rosemarie needed to know what should to be kept or discarded. Richard also took all the unwanted items (a trailer load full) to the municipal dump.
- To **Hanna von Maltitz** for sewing new black-out linings for the curtains in the small flat to add to the comfort of our visitors.
- To **Jacquie Frylink** for donating several books to our library.
- To all **members and friends** who contributed so generously to the gift on my so-called "retirement birthday" – it was completely unexpected and much appreciated. And I don't understand the meaning of "retirement" yet!
Marilize.
- To **Rosemarie Enthoven, Anne-Marie Winkelman** and **Marilize King** for donating sturdy new storage containers for the Church archives.
R.G.

Swop and Shop Corner

Dear Friends,

Having to find ideas of how to raise additional funds, the trustees came up with the suggestion that we have a SHOP and SWOP CORNER on our notice board.

This would work as follows: all of you, who would like to dispose of an item, can advertise same on the space provided – advertising slips are supplied. Once you have sold the item, you pay 10 % of the price to the church.

Should someone wish to give away an item, the recipient would be required to pay 10% of the estimated value to the church.

Rosemarie Enthoven.

Celebrating our Relationship with Those Who have Died.

We will this year honour our relationship with those who have crossed the threshold with three events here at the church:

Friday 21 November at 19h30

Presence – being there for those who have died. A conversation facilitated by Susan Vos.

Saturday 22 November

15.15 for 15.30

A celebration with music, story, eurythmy and the lighting of candles.

Sunday 23 November

Remembrance Sunday (see program).

Cobie Roelvert.

You are warmly invited to the opening of a Solo Exhibition of New Oil Paintings By

Hanna von Maltitz
on 22 November 2014

Novalis House, 39 Rosmead Ave, Wynberg
6 for 6.30 pm.

The opening is free.

Followed by a fun Soiree
Stories, Poetry and Music: Tickets R100

See you there!



One of Hanna's exhibition paintings titled "Forester".