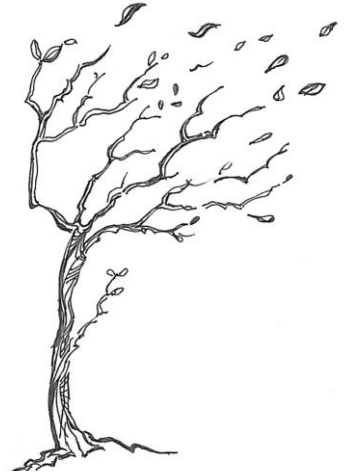


The Wind Call

**The Christian Community in and around Cape Town
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Leading Thought: Advent - a Michaelic Undertaking.

EVERY YEAR ANEW we need to ask ourselves: “What exactly is it that we are expecting to come into being this Advent and Christmas?” Birth always implies the arrival of something new that was not there before. What is the quality of the newness that needs to be born into the world today which is truly Michaelic, and how exactly does this happen?

From the endless debates about the sustainability of how we human beings do things in the modern world economically, sociologically, industrially, environmentally, agriculturally and politically etc it is clear that they are not sustainable. However, the wisdom which works in the whole of the natural world allows the natural world to be completely sustainable. What does not change sufficiently in exploring these questions is the kind of thinking applied to them. Most probably because of vested interests in the status quo, the thinking is still ‘doing the wrong things more effectively will somehow bring about the required changes’. This kind of approach is inspired by a deep-seated fear of meaningful change i.e. change that would reinstate the development of the human being as the point of all creative endeavour as opposed to the current situation in which the aim of almost all striving in the public and private domain is the accumulation of wealth and power. The dollar has usurped man. This is a problem of our thinking.

The real problem in the world has to do with who it is that we allow to inspire our thinking. In 2012 we are well into the Michaelic Age – that is the age in which Michael stands at the cutting edge of humanity’s development waiting for us to turn to him so that he can point us in the direction of meaningful change. What needs to be born in Advent-Christmas 2012 is exactly Michaelic thinking. But how do we allow this birth to take place in us and what is new about this thinking?

The Michaelmas epistle describes how Michael, for moments only, beckons us to follow him. Where to? Not to a new understanding of economic or environmental policy. He beckons us to a higher understanding of the Mystery of Golgotha! Why would this be the single most important thing for Mankind to understand above all else in our modern time?

This is so because the dynamic that is introduced into the whole stream of humanity’s development through the Mystery of Golgotha is the blue print of how anything essentially new and creative will ever enter into human thinking. This dynamic is the process of Transubstantiation. It is imperative that we begin to grapple with what this really means. The natural development, metamorphosis and unfolding of the earth and all that lives on it has been a horizontal process of creation out of the initial Father God creative impulse. This process has been influenced by the Fall i.e. by the intervention of retarding spiritual beings. This influence introduced the forces of death into the creation and made it impossible for the creation to reach its intended fulfillment. The deed of Christ in the Mystery of Golgotha remedies this retarding influence by penetrating the fallen state of Man and the Earth with a new spiritual impulse directly out of the spiritual world – a new vertical spiritual birth into the realm of death.

Where the natural world can no longer be sustained out of old forces and therefore enters into death, there Christ introduces new spiritual life forces through the human heart when Man’s thinking turns to him. This is what happens on the altar and what each one of us can take into our thinking and into our lives. We will pursue this further during the Holy Nights.

Richard Goodall.

Threshold Group - Good News.

THROUGH THE EFFORTS of Jessica Abramson and Marion Penfold and with the approval of the Board of Trustees, a Threshold Fund has been created. This fund is specifically aimed at assisting our nurses in case of emergencies for the purchase of whatever items are needed for the care of a patient crossing the threshold. It is not meant for general nursing expenses.

May I take this opportunity to put a thought to each one of you? Most likely, sooner or later, as we get older, we shall all need the services of nurses. It appears that often our nurses are giving their all and the recipients are not conscious enough to give some kind of remuneration to them in return. Have you thought about making an arrangement in this regard beforehand for yourself or your loved ones?

Rosemarie Enthoven.



Some more good news!

AT PRESENT THE CHURCH residence at 11 St. Mary's Road is receiving much needed attention. A security gate with remote control is being installed and at the same time certain repairs and improvements to the carport are being done. This has been made possible through a legacy received from Germany, which the Board of Trustees decided to put aside for that purpose, as well as a generous donor, who is matching the funds we have available, Rand for Rand.

Rosemarie Enthoven.

Regional Conference Report Back.

THE PRIMARY FOCUS of the Regional Council has evolved over the years. Concentrating on transparency and unification of finances, it has now built a *sense of the region* – the Southern African Region including Namibia. We met in Camphill Hermanus recently and explored the questions of what *we* are about, and what is our *focus*.

Our immediate focus is for the survival of The Christian Community. Priests sent to us from overseas often regard us, and Africa, with great puzzlement and leave some time later, even if we are fortunate enough to sort out the loads of paperwork for their resident permits. For our survival we need local priests – and a local seminary. This idea has been growing for the last two years, with Reingard Knausenberger initiating interactive courses and meetings in Grahamstown and Hogsback.

Our Lenker, who travels frequently, says our youth are unique – they are less spoilt than in other places in the world. In five years' time we should have five new local priests in Southern Africa. Training overseas is expensive; local training is the way to go, with perhaps only one year spent in Europe.

Another aspect of our work was re-looking and listening to the Act of Consecration of Man in Afrikaans. Two years ago we experienced the service given by Kine Voigts from Namibia. During the last year Helene de Villiers revised the text once again, searching for alternative words to those sounding archaic. Now the Service addresses Christ as "Jy" and God as "U". This subtle change now makes it clear who is addressed and when – a unique experience giving different layers to the understanding of the Service and making the experience more dynamic.

Regarding international finances our Regional Treasurer, Hazel Fornali shared her insights in how a different monetary culture has developed between regions - for example, Switzerland received a large bequest and realized the UK needed funds to build their chapel – the funds were moved and work could go ahead. Money should flow – it is called *currency*, and once stagnant, it is no longer money. Fixed money engenders fear and multiplies into a greater blockage. The currency of humankind is love, and love must flow. Giving money sets free the donor and moves into another sphere; it affirms faith in humanity. In the Parable of the Talents one can see, if you want something, you must give something. Thus, if gift money is an investment into the future, into what kind of spiritual power should it be channelled? Who will be the young people who take up these future investments? An interesting aspect of this international report was how many Christian Communities across the globe were engaged in *building*, while the world spirals into its recession.

The common thread was a question – how do we *all* look at money? Our focus makes the item of our focus bigger. Let us focus on creating an African Seminary every time we attend the Service, but also in our prayers. We have something very special in the Christian Community; let us all nurture the impulse.

Hanna von Maltitz.



OUR SOIREE was held on Saturday, 8th September. It was a Hat Party and a highly successful event. Our warmest thanks to the Trustees for their hard work in organizing it so well.

Here you can see some of the more colourful creations that our photographers, Hanna von Maltitz and Rosemarie Enthoven had captured. Marilize.



The Happy Hat Party that was . . .

A floppy flamange, a flurry of flowers
A fountain of silly-sequined horns
A cowboy hat atop its bearer
And a large sombrero, a-drowning its wearer
Some rabbit ears winking and blinking
Some droll affairs, some caps that were thinking
Some head-gear of ordinary appeal
And a shocking-pink fuzz ball that made me squeal
Silly and saucy, we took up the mood
Tonight no-one was allowed to brood
But how to stop the giggles then
With that pink thing turning around again
In front of my head, when all I wanted
Was to listen intently as our choir sang and chanted
'Twas lovely indeed, as they took up their reed
And piped such melodious songs for our need
The players, the muse, the guitar-player too
And the story to take us *awah the noo*
Lest we forget, the delicious fare
And the room so warm and glowing there
The hard-working team who unfolded it all
(A feat, you know, was none too small)
We'll not forget your offering fair
And give to you, our thanks sincere.

Laurine le Roux.



The Beauty of Flowers ..

A SERVICE NEVER goes by without my noticing the flowers – the beautiful arrangements in the vase and also the altar flowers. How fortunate we are to have community members who come each week with their floral treasure baskets, come rain or shine, and quietly get on with their uplifting task. Beauty serves a profound purpose in our spiritual striving. And so, I voice my sincere appreciation to those members who serve us in this way.

Laurine le Roux.



Report Back on Timour Hall Cottages.



Dear Friends,

Timour Hall Cottages have given a new dimension to our church and grounds. To set you all at ease, Richard Goodall is no longer a director. Martin Herbert, now also a trustee, has come forward as a director.

The first phase is well established with Lia Gabler giving her tireless attention to the garden and cheeky guinea fowl. She has roped in various community members as friends, handymen and nurses, and tempted the bird community to come back to her side of the property, while on the other side, Phase Two is being built with a jolly crowd of eager workers chopping bricks in half and mixing cement and song. Alongside Lia lives Jaquie Frylink, a very active retiree who often goes on visiting sprees for short periods of time. In one such a walkabout, the opportunity for Pauline and David Scott was given to make use of her space – but more about that in a moment.

Phase Two is well on its way, this time on a split level due to the steep fall of the site. The structure is roofed already and topped with solar panels, and the unit impressively set into the slope beside a retaining wall forming a deep trough to catch rainwater. Phase Two has been a challenge in more ways than one.

It was set into urgent motion by Adrienne Edwards. She had sold their farm and was ready to move into our midst – at last close to The Christian Community and other Anthroposophical activities. Between her, the architect, priest, management, her restlessness became a challenge to all. Her short burst of energy was astounding until her illness rebounded – yet she roped in more people to get involved and made many changes to the plans. When she couldn't get out of bed any longer, she appointed someone to bring her ideas to the Building Group. Estelle, our beloved puppet lady, agreed to sell her house and move into the other half of Phase Two. We had sufficient finance and the project went ahead.

Then Adrienne passed away. The Building Group faced a dilemma. We had no funds to build Adrienne's half of phase two – but the builder was on site and the plans passed. Estelle was ready to move in. Pauline and David Scott came forward as lessees, but we had to produce the building!

Adrienne had left a gift of funds which could cover about a third of her intended half. The only solution to cover the shortage was a bond which Richard Cox organised with ABSA. THC owed start-up funds to The Christian Community. The Municipality of Cape Town also put the brakes on the development – they demanded back-pay for rates on all four of the stands behind our church – a staggering R65,000.00, which flattened our contingency allowance. These outstanding rates had to be paid or the Municipality would not allow Eskom to supply electricity to us. (In the mean time our dear secretary, Marilize, was experiencing all kinds of outages with her computer while the builders' electricity demands overloaded the cable from the church – the power would spike and die at the most inconvenient times.)

Only last month came a new impulse, from the most active person in the development of THC. Richard Cox is about to sell his house to his son, and has offered to bring funds into the THC development which would free up Jaquie's loan and pay off the ABSA bond. This is a most generous offer. This loan from Richard Cox must be seen as developmental funds. Although the THC constitution requires investors over the age of 65, Richard comes in as a pioneer to assist in this project.

The following must be made clear to you all. THC Management will not consider beginning Phase Three of the THC project until we have established a healthy waiting list for the four existing units. Also, the THC development cannot afford to let the Region take on one of the Phase Two units until the Region can effect an outright purchase thus enabling us to settle all of our outstanding debts and relieve our cash flow problem.

If any of you have plans to sign up on the waiting list, please form a queue next to me at the end of our tea break, next Sunday. See you soon!

Hanna von Maltitz.

P.S. For latest picture of the newly completed cottages see page 6.

To All Key Holders of Church Gate.

PLEASE NOTE that when you open the big gate it will start closing automatically after 15 seconds. This is an added security measure for our residents. Should you need the gate to remain open please press your remote button again as soon as it starts closing. It will then stay open until you activate the button again. (Instructions also on door of hall in foyer.)

Marilize.



Our most sincere thanks to the following people for their generosity:

- Sue-Lynne van Wyk and Joy Holmes for their donation of crockery and glasses for the church kitchen. This has been a very useful addition to our current stocks and will mean that we don't have to hire these items from outside for our Fair this year.
- Rosemarie Enthoven for sourcing and donating wooden shelves for the church library; also for Christoph-Hartmut Weber for making a beautiful display unit from it, and for donating his skills and time.
- Hannes Bernatzeder for the installation of a new water filter unit in the kitchen and maintaining it on a regular basis.

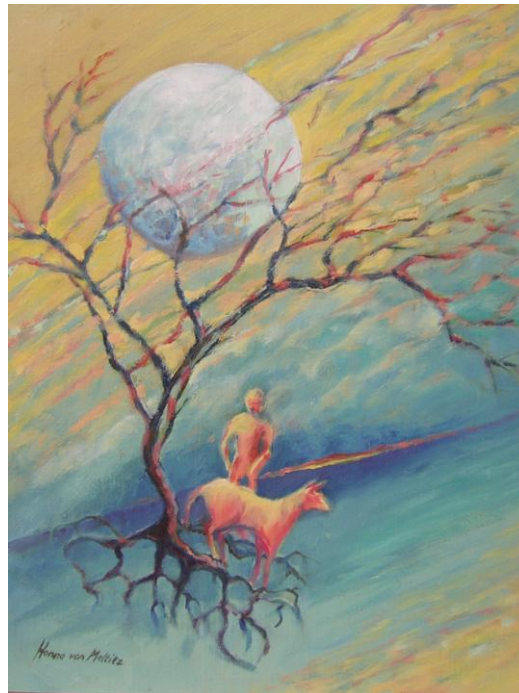


Anonymous Donations.

WOULD THE PERSON that put an envelope with R200 into the pledge box on 16th September, please come forward. You forgot to write your name on it and thus we cannot allocate the amount into your contribution account. Thank you!

Rosemarie Enthoven.

Painting Exhibition – Hanna von Maltitz.



YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO the opening of an EXHIBITION of Myth and Tree paintings by Hanna von Maltitz on 26 October at 6 p.m. at The NOVALIS Ubuntu Centre, next to Wynberg Swimming Pool. Opening address: André Roothman. Viewing during office hours. Hanna 0721 388 707 Marisa @ Novalis Tel: 021 797-1857 info@novalis.org.za.

Thank you.

I WISH TO EXTEND a warm and much appreciative thank you to the 'ironing angels' in our community, of which I know there are only a very few. Every time a sacrament is celebrated, an 'ironing angel' has very kindly offered their time to ensure the vestments are properly ironed and that their appearance enhances the quality and mood of the sacrament. Imagine a sacrament being celebrated with creased and crumpled vestments! This also means that someone in our community kindly offers to regularly wash the vestments.

Should you wish to make a difference and in so doing, lighten the task on many of our Care Groups, kindly contact Marilize and she will be able to put you in touch with the relevant person. Many hands make light work!

Anne-Marié Winkelman.

Start of Church Service on Sundays.

WE ONCE AGAIN ask everybody to please try to be at church well on time, at least two minutes before 10h00. The reason for this is to help the kind soul who offers to close the gate for everybody's security and peace of mind to get to his/her seat in church on time.

Celebrating our Relationship with the Dead - Saturday 24 November 2012 - 3.30 pm.

WE WILL CELEBRATE our relationship with those who have crossed the threshold at a festival which will include music, a story, candle-lighting and the Eurythmy Halleluiah. This festival is a quiet moment at the end of the year to hold dear those who are part of our unseen community and to express our gratitude for our relationship with them.

Due to the nature of the event there will be no entry once the celebration has started.

Enquiries: Marilize at the Church Office, or Cobie Roelvert (021 671 4757).

Michaelmas Festival.

OUR MICHAELMAS FESTIVAL for children and adults was celebrated on Saturday, 13th October here at the church. It was well attended and the story and art work were enjoyed by all. Our warmest thanks to Andre Roothman for his story-telling, Christina Goodall for the music as well as to Mirjam MacLeod for her artistic activities with the children.

Marilize.



Children's Camp.



THE CAMP will take place at Wildgarten Farm near Stanford from 12th – 19th December 2012.

The cost includes accommodation, food and lots of fun activities. A deposit of 50% is required and **bookings need to be made by 15th November** to give the organizers enough time to attend to the logistics.

Please contact Marilize in the church office for an application form at tel: (021)762-0450 or e-mail: christianco@telkomsa.net.



CONGRATULATIONS TO Bruce and Paola Muirhead on the birth of their first child, Noah, on 13th October. We wish them as a family much joy in the years to come.

Marilize.

Family Fair 2012.

Dear All,

By the time you read this newsletter there will be ONE WEEK to go before our annual **Family Fair on Saturday, 3rd November from 11h00 – 15h00.** The street posters are being put up this weekend, promotions have gone out all over and some last minute preparations and finishing-off touches are being made.

We hope to attract lots of visitors and you can help towards this by bringing a family member, friend or a neighbour along to the Tea Garden, Lunch Table or simply to browse through the stalls and find that perfect gift or long sought-after second-hand book. Lastly, the marquee will be ready with many different activities for children.

And remember your keenly awaited contributions of homemade quiche and salad, cakes, bread, muffins etc as well as pudding!

Marilize.

Art Work by Hanna von Maltitz.



Steamer for Vestry.

THE TRUSTEES have agreed that a steamer gets purchased for use in the vestry for the ironing of the priest's and servers' vestments. This will save on time especially as we have lost one of our regular ironers again.

If you are willing to offer your help as an ironer please contact **Sheilagh Dobson** a.s.a.p. Tel: (021)794-3318 e-mail: howdy@mweb.co.za.



Newly completed Phase 2 of Timour Hall Cottages. Photo by Malcolm Attfield.