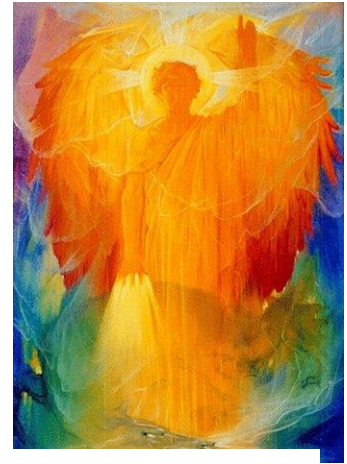


The Michael Messenger

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of the Anthroposophical Society

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ALL SOULS GATHERING

Sunday, November 1, 2015

6:30-8:30

At the home of Judy and Doug
Frey

55207 Broughton
Chapel Hill, NC 27517
(919-928-8749)



Our All Soul's Day Observation will consist of a short talk by Kathleen Wright on the origin of All Soul's Day and how it evolved from a pagan rite to a Christianized holy day and then was further illuminated by the revelations of Rudolf Steiner.

A short play by Judy Frey that will be dramatically read by 7 persons.

A simple supper

A Lighting of the names of the dead (please bring the names of your loved ones on a piece of paper)

Verses for the dead

Please note: Daylight Savings Time begins on November 1, so please be sure to set your clock back one hour Saturday night.



Photo from a past All Souls' Day observance

Painting "Radiant Light" by Elizabeth Wang
Logo "Michael" by Baron Arild Rosenkrantz

Threshold Group Offers Workshop: What is the Death Plan?

Two evenings: November 2nd and November 16th to work on your "Five Wishes" documents. A wonderful opportunity to do this with others' perspectives.

Time: 6.30 - 8.30pm

Place: 208 Murray St, Hillsborough. NC 27278

Call 919 241 4304 or email me at jennybingham7@gmail.com with any questions.



New Study Group Forming: "The Seer's Handbook"

Ron Veitel is starting up a new Study Group that will do both reading and 'hands on' work with Dennis Klocek's book *The Seers Handbook*. Ron already has a few of his young friends lined up, but would like the group to be "intergenerational". If this sounds interesting to you, please contact him. The time and day of the Study will be determined by the group participants. Contact Ron at:

Earthspiritnutrition@gmail.com or call 919-259-3501

Anthroposophical Doctor Visit October 31

Dr. Renee Meyers will be giving a talk especially for parents with school age children. Joy Kwapien, RN will be joining her with the demonstration of a compress for fevers. Handouts included. Cost \$20.

Date, time and place: Oct. 31st, 2015 3:30pm to 4:30pm at the home of Eve Olive, 5815 Mt. Sinai Rd. Durham, NC 27705

During the day she will be seeing patients. To sign up for an appointment, call Joy. Dr. Meyers hopes to visit our community twice a year for talks and medical appointments, in October and April.

Please Phone Joy Kwapien for questions or directions - [919-732-1840](tel:919-732-1840) or [919-619-3441](tel:919-619-3441)
Please RSVP if attending - jrkwapien@earthlink.net

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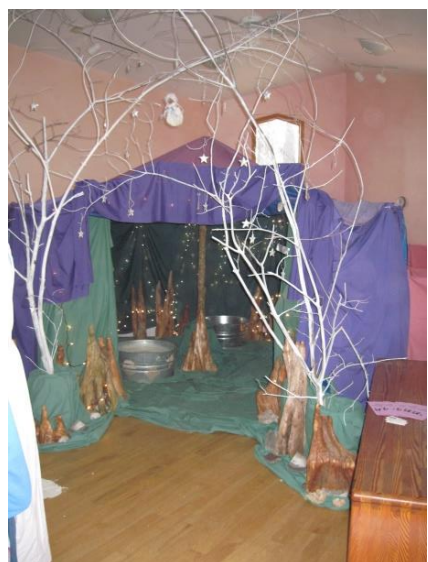
NOVEMBER 21, 2015

10 AM – 3 PM

The Holiday Faire is an annual event that is well-loved by everyone at the Emerson Waldorf School and in the greater community. Come out and enjoy Candle Dipping, the Fish Pond, Horse & Carriage Rides, Enchantment Shoppe, Puppet Show, Archery, Jump Rope Making, Silk Dyeing, Gem Mining, Gnome Hats, and New! Leather Stamping – not to mention vendors, food, music, and the amazing Cake Walk!

Be sure to check out the Christian Community table which will have beautiful handcrafts designed by Margit Gratzl and Martha Kelder and made by them and their helpers. Items include: knitted woolen socks, natural soaps, dishes, children's books. You will especially want to buy one of Martha's birthday calendars which she did in magnificent calligraphy and pen and ink drawings.

Photos from previous faires:



Save these December dates... more details in our next issue:

Advent Christian Community Priest Visit



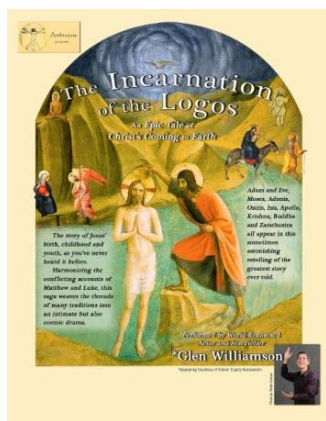
Dec 5th, 2015 Saturday 7:30 pm: Rev. Carol will give a talk on "Christianity in the Age of Materialism" at the Brown Wing of the Emerson Waldorf School, 6211 New Jericho Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27516. The high school is to the rear of the property on the far right. Look for signs.

Dec 6th, 2015 Sunday Morning services:

- Children's story will be told at 9:30 am with a brief children's service beginning at 10:00 am.
- The Act of Consecration of Man begins at 10:30 am. Please do not enter late if possible.
- Snacks and circle time will begin at 12:00 noon. Community announcements shared.
- Childcare is available. Please let us know if you'll be bringing children and their ages. For more information, go to www.christiancommunitync.org

Advent Sundays and Holy Nights

Members of the Board and the Cultural Group are coordinating programs for Advent and the Holy Nights. If you have ideas to share or would like to host a Holy Night or help out in any way, Please contact Judy Frey at: damaris12@nc.rr.com or Joanna Carey at joannapcarey@gmail.com



Glen Williamson Performances December 12-13

In the Brown Wing at EWS

Beat the Devil (Faust)

Incarnation of the Logos

Check out Glenn's magnificent website at

www.Anthropostheater.com – it has videos of

Glen's work.

STUDY GROUPS AND WORKING GROUPS

Christian Community Study Group, reading *The Reappearance of Christ in the Etheric*; meets Sundays 4-5:30; no meeting on November 1, so we may attend the All Souls Gathering; meets at the home of Kathleen Wright, 4615 Greenglen Drive, Durham, NC; call 919-309-9622.

Cultural Group meets every Thursday at 3:30 PM at the home of Joanna Carey to plan festivals and events; all interested persons are welcome to attend; RSVP joannapcarey@gmail.com

IANDS (International Association of Near Death Experiences) meets once a month on a Tuesday evenings 7-9 PM at the Rhine Center, 2741 Campus Walk Ave., Bldg 500, Durham, NC 27705; This month: November 19: a video from the September 3-6th conference in San Antonio Texas will be presented. Contact Robert Mays for more information at 919-929-1073 or email at mays@ieee.org

Reading For the Dead Group- reading: *Descriptive Sketches of the Spiritual World* (October 10, 11, 1913). This lecture can be found on the Rudolf Steiner Archives. Please make a small donation for printing from that source; meets at the home of Joanna Carey 4207 Neal Road, Durham, NC From 7 PM- 9 PM; meets every other Thursday
RSVP joannapcarey@gmail.com

Rose Cross Study Group meets Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30 PM; reading *Christ and the Human Soul*; followed by *Revelation: Talks to Priests*; At the home of Judy Frey, 55207 Broughton, Chapel Hill; RSVP 919-928-8749 or email: damaris12@nc.rr.com

Threshold Care Group usually meets once a month on Mondays (in November there will be two meetings on Nov, 2 and 16th) at the home of Jenny Bingham; call Jenny for more information at 919-241-4304 or email her at jennybingham7@gmail.com

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Other Groups in North Carolina

Asheville has two study groups:

Every other **Thursday night** from 7-9 pm. Reading: *The Christ Impulse and the Development of Consciousness*. This is a committed group with lively discussions on how Steiner books are applicable to our lives today. Reading in advance is preferred. Contact: Marie Davis [\(828\) 273-5647](tel:828-273-5647)

First Sunday of the month Study Group. Meets 3-7pm. Studying a lecture series on the Threefold Social Order. First hour: study of lecture presented by a member. Second hour: a personal sharing by another member related to work in the world or social questions. Followed by a pot luck for community building. Contact: Marie Davis [\(828\)273-5647](tel:828-273-5647)

Boone Study Group – meets Monday afternoons from 4-6PM, studying *How to Know Higher Worlds*; most members of this group are Biodynamic students of Hugh Courtney; group is led by Cindy Mahoney; contact her at bt13flyer@gmail.com or call her at 919-602-3358 or 828-297-3080

Clemmons (near Winston-Salem) has four Steiner/Anthroposophy Study Groups led by Sarah Putnam; contact Sarah for more information at 336-972-8243 or email her at sputnam01@att.net

A Report on the Waldorf Movement in China

By Tammy Hughes



The current norm in China is for children to start at a full-day kindergarten as soon as they turn three years old. Children begin such a long day so early for a variety of reasons. Often it is the grandparents who need to look after other grandchildren or are looking forward to returning to their hometown. Sometimes it is the parents who are looking forward to their children starting kindergarten because they are not in agreement with the way the grandparents are raising the children or they themselves find raising children to be an exhausting process. Also, parents have difficulty finding playmates for the children as other young children are already in kindergarten.

Previously parents would send their children to the local neighborhood kindergartens. They accepted children at about three and the children were expected to just adjust to the circumstances. A child's readiness was not considered at all. Now parents are more active in choosing their child's first learning and social experiences. As parents become more conscious in the process of picking kindergarten, they are also beginning to consider when children are ready for kindergarten and what kind of education is best suited for their child.



Within Waldorf education, parent-child classes are a very important way for the parents to become familiar with the education. Through the hands on experience of being in the class with a child under three, the parents can learn many new ways of looking at their child's development. The parent and children experience joy by playing with the simple toys such as cardboard boxes, simple knot dolls, wood, baskets and wooden spoons. Furthermore there are conversation times to help the parents better understand their children. Quite often parents are facing their children's growing individuality and need

help setting appropriate boundaries and creating a healthy rhythm at home so that transition to kindergarten is easier.

Recently I was invited to Lijiang to a principal's traditional style courtyard home to do a parent-child class on the weekend. It was a very interesting event as the kindergarten had few natural toys to loan the class. Most of the toys for the parent-child event came from the house. I

wandered through the house, finding cardboard boxes, egg cartons, pinecones left over from gathering the pine nuts and added some furniture. The event was immensely satisfying as the children were able to play so well with the inexpensive items that had been gathered. It was a truly family event, parents and grandparents were very engaged. Some parents played with the children while the others made toys at the edge of the classroom. As the children were quite young there were naturally a few upsets, but learning how to handle conflict is also a very important skill. After eleven years, I am able to travel to a new place and work in Chinese with the families, which is very fulfilling.



Waldorf education in the last eleven years has developed very fast. There are now over 400 Waldorf Kindergartens and around 60 grade schools! There are numerous training centers and schools which offer part-time trainings and weekend workshops.

Waldorf parent-child classes are giving teachers a good opportunity to work with young children and help support families in the raising of their children at his very young age.



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BRANCH MEETING FOCUSES ON AGM IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Twelve members of our Rudolf Steiner Branch gathered at the home of Robert and Suzanne Mays on Friday evening, October 24 to hear a presentation by Ron Veitel on his trip to the AGM conference in St. Louis, Missouri October 9-11. This year's conference was called **"Engage! Meeting the Events of our Time"** and its intention was to show how anthroposophical initiatives are addressing the needs of our times in such areas as homelessness, addiction, isolation, urban violence, genetic engineering and other critical issues.



Ron Veitel

Ron described his experience as almost magical in the amazing synchronicities that occurred during the trip, making him feel so welcomed by all he encountered and that this was indeed a destiny event for him. The branch delighted in hearing Ron's enthusiasm for what he brought back to us.

The trip even began in a most unusual way. Joy Kwapien became concerned when she heard that no one from our community was able to go to the AGM (Two had originally planned to go, but then unforeseen circumstances arose) and so she called Suzanne Mays and asked if she thought Ron would want to go. Suzanne called Ron the Thursday morning before the AGM and asked if he would like to go and he said yes. but could not afford to go. Suzanne relayed this to Joy and Joy decided to pay for his trip out of her own finances. (Later funds were collected from the community.) After a series of mishaps at the airport, Ron finally got on a plane bound for St. Louis. Once the plane passed through some thick clouds, Ron beheld the beautiful St. Louis Arch, the gateway of western expansion, and somehow knew that the rest of the trip was going to be OK. He was able to save on hotel expenses when a chance meeting led him to someone who got him to stay at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet for free. Many conference attendees, including the Spiritual Striving for Youth were staying at the Motherhouse, and it was there that he connected with and was grafted into the youth section. Ron's age is in between the many aging members and the youth group and he happily reported that he felt very much at home with both groups. Ron arrived just in time for the official opening of the conference. This is what he reported to us:

Torin Finser opened the conference with an inspiring poem by Langston Hughes called "I've known rivers". He noted that many streams feed into the Mississippi River just as many cultural streams flow into Anthroposophy. Torin reminded the audience that the town of Ferguson (where a white police man killed a black youth this past year) was not far away. (A complete transcript of Torin's eloquent speech is on the website www.anthroposophy.org)

Torin's speech was followed by a series of panels. The first one had the theme "Engagement: How are we as individuals engaging with the world?" First on the panel was Megan Durney of the Pfeiffer Center. One of the most significant remarks she made was that "when we perceive with the heart, judgment falls away."



Torin on the Mississippi River

Also on the panel was Bart Eddy, who has begun a charter school in Detroit, a K-12 called The Detroit Community School. It is for inner city youth, whose previous only alternative was “violence, drugs and gangs”. The school has a strong emphasis on crafts and practical skills such as woodworking, bike building, gardening and screen printing. Bart feels these are an antidote to violence.

Beatrice Birch, founder of Inner Fire, a community dedicated to the care of addicts and mentally ill persons who wish to be free of pharmaceutical drugs, spoke next. She told of how rhythm in life with activities such as gardening combined with artistic, complementary and alternative therapies was the lifestyle at Inner Fire.

Brigida Balaszun, a Eurythmist well-known to our community in Chapel Hill was the next presenter. She told of a time in her life when it seemed everything had collapsed and she realized she needed to reset. Since then she has gotten involved in the urban environment and told of how she transformed prisoners’ poetry into Eurythmy.

Each evening at the conference the youth participants told stories to the audience and one group of them presented a video they had made about their trip to the Goetheanum. The video was beautifully done and evidenced an interest in the intergenerational and communal aspects of the Society.

On the second day of the conference, Bea Voigt began the day by leading the participants in Eurythmy to the Foundation Stone mantram. This helped to ground everyone and connect. The exercises consisted of the creation of gestures for the sounds, helping all to “feel the word”.

A talk was given by Robert Karp Saturday morning. “One thing he said that impressed Ron was that “the crises of our time are for us – for our own initiation. They are an opportunity for us to stand with Michael and our lower self.”

Caleb Buchbinder, one of the youth section members told of his initiative “Classroom Alive” in which he took a group of young people (first group was in Sweden) on backpacking trip from Sweden to Greece. They studied for four hours per day and hiked for four hours per day. They would read separately, but then report to the group what they had learned. A similar group trekked through the USA doing the same method. It took six months to complete. Buchbinder considers this “education as initiation”. Some questions he likes students to discuss – “Who are you and why are you here?” To this he adds: “I believe in you and what you find for yourself.”

Laura Summer of the Free Colombia program, which runs on a “gift economy” explained how her initiative works and told how every year it was evolving and changing – from painting to shoemaking to puppetry. Currently the program is housed in a Family dollar Store building. Her students decided to do a lovely mural on the outside of the building. Recently her group has partnered with the Nature Institute and is working with the theme “What is color, form in Nature?” Laura asked her audience to ask themselves – who can you work with? What’s the fire within you? What do you love doing that changes you?

Walter Goldstein, an agronomist who works with corn research, told a very interesting story of how he ‘crashed’ a Biotech convention where the agribusiness giants like Monsanto were in attendance. The topic of discussion was how to genetically modify produce corn to be nitrogen-fixing. (Corn takes a lot of nitrogen out of the soil.) Walter’s presentation was on an heirloom corn from Mexico that already did this. When asked at the AGM how he got invited to present at

this conference, Walter responded by saying that he had “invited himself”. Walter has a research company in East Troy, Wisconsin that he calls “Michael Fields”. He also told a fascinating tale “The Zuni Myth of the Creation of Corn”. He said that a man named Frank Cushings was invited into the Mystery School of the Zunis and he translated this tale into English.

Leah Walker led a biography workshop with the theme – who is the person you know who has influenced your life? Participants were paired in twos to discuss this topic.

Next came lunch and Ron reports that the food was ‘outstanding’ with lots of BD veggies and herb teas.

Saturday afternoon offered a choice of two workshops: Carrie Gibbons and her “Listening Bowls” or John Cunningham with his “Standing in the Fire” course on non-violent communication with anthroposophical principles. Ron, along with about two-thirds of the participants chose the latter. Ron enjoyed the course with John because of his sense of humor and depth. The group was broken up into groups of three and the exercise John walked everyone through was the identification of thoughts, feelings, and needs around an emotionally triggering statement for each individual. It was an opportunity to actively work with the soul life.

Laura Riccardi Lyvers, who runs Foxhollow Farm in Kentucky, told about her experiences there. Her farm is a combination of biodynamic and conventional. She noted that the neighboring farms are taking note of how much more successful her crops and pigs are doing than theirs and are becoming more and more curious about what she is doing.

Dottie Zold of Los Angeles told about her café “The Elderberry Café and the Threefold Initiative on Sunset Blvd.” She has hired homeless people, people in recovery and youth to run the café. She had been given a grant from a deceased anthroposophist to realize this dream of hers.

The last speaker was Carrie Schuchardt, who along with her husband founded the House of Peace in Ipswich, MA. Carrie recalled the day in her life that changed everything - a hunter mistook her for an animal and filled her body with bullets. She had near-death experience in which she knew she would live and fulfill the vision she had of the House of Peace. The House of Peace takes in refugees from war-torn regions such as Vietnam and Iraq. Carrie asked the audience ‘Where would you be without your wound?’ Her talk was a “perfect ending for the conference”, according to Ron. When she finished speaking there was a reverent silence in the room and many were crying.

Saturday night offered a magnificent Eurythmy performance in the Initiation Room of the Masonic Temple where the conference took place. Eurythmists Beth Usher and Connie Michael were the artists and Stephen Usher read the poetry. Jennie Mazzoni played the flute and Anna Lackschewitz played the viola. The performance ended with a Michael Verse that was recently discovered. It is the fourth stanza to a verse already known by most members.

Participants all seemed to agree that this conference was unlike an previous one and the work of the youth in planning it was especially appreciated. It gave hope for the future. However, the one downside to the conference and it was a big one – only somewhere between 50-60 people came, the lowest attendance in recent history for a national AGM. People kept asking “Where are the other 3,000?” In response to this Dottie Zold, wanting to see that this never happens again has started a Facebook page called “AGM 2016”.

The Actual AGM took place on Sunday morning. The day began with recitation of the Foundation Stone mantram with Bea Voigt. Elizabeth Roosevelt led an exercise in which 7 chairs were in a circle and once people occupied 6 of the 7, leaving the 7th chair empty, any person in the circle could speak to the topic of strengthening the North American Society. Torin Finser summed up the experience of the exercise.

Finally, the Business meeting took place. It felt like the main focus was the financial situation and the plans to deal with it which are painful, as they involve cuts in personnel and services. The members were full of questions about the finances. In the midst of all the questions about money, Fred Janney got up and asked the members to recall that we are an esoteric society and that the wounds stemming from the major break that occurred in 1935 when Ita Wegman and 2,000 others were cast out of the Society has never been healed and the repercussions from that time are still being felt now.

When the AGM ended, the youth gathered to eat lunch and discuss what each individuals initiative is for the next year.

~ *Kathleen Wright* with input from Ron Veitel

TORIN FINSER TO STEP DOWN AS GENERAL SECRETARY

Probably the biggest news that came out of the conference was Torin Finser's announcement that he intends to step down as General Secretary. He has served in this capacity for 7 years by himself and prior to that he served as co-President. Torin feels that 7 years is the right time to change course in one's life. The General Council will begin considering persons to take Torin's place.

Due to the financial situation, there will be cuts to personnel and it was also learned that Elizabeth Roosevelt and Maurice York will be let go. This was sad news for many, as she had won the hearts of the entire Eastern Region as she accompanied Marion Leon to the visits to branches all over the East.

I've known rivers:

I've known rivers ancient as the world and older than the
flow of human blood in human veins.

My soul has grown deep like the rivers.

I bathed in the Euphrates when dawns were young.

I built my hut near the Congo and it lulled me to sleep.

I looked upon the Nile and raised the pyramids above it.

I heard the singing of the Mississippi when Abe Lincoln
went down to New Orleans, and I've seen its muddy
bosom turn all golden in the sunset.

I've known rivers:

Ancient, dusky rivers.

My soul has grown deep like the rivers.

Langston Hughes [in *The Weary Blues*, 1926]



The **Anthroposophy Alive website** launched its first Free Community Conversation as a prelude to All Hallows, All Saints, and Old Soul's Days. It took place via teleconference on Sunday Oct. 25th. Over 180 people from all over the world registered for the call and 53 people were able to attend live.

The Call was entitled *Mysterious Money* and the lead presenter was Arthur Edwards, associative economist who joined us from the U.K. He was accompanied by Robert Karp, Co-Director of the Biodynamic Association, and Eliah Rael, Money Biographer. One of Arthur's aims was to bring the light of our consciousness into the shadows of our personal and world economy – from the ground up.



The **Mysterious Money Conversation** challenged us to stretch our thinking to reimagine money and our ways of being with it. Many of the concepts that Arthur shared may be new to many of us and have an elusive quality since what Arthur advocates is a consciousness shift. For those who may have missed the call, and would like to download it and listen at your leisure, simply go to the Home Page of the anthroposophy Alive website: <http://anthroposophyalive.com>. It's free

Follow Up Call Sunday, Nov. 1 . . . a further free community conversation will be held this Sunday, November 1, at Noon Pacific, 3 pm EST, and 8 pm London time. Arthur will join us again from the U.K. to answer questions about how we can be more awake to practical steps that we can take within our individual circumstances, or initiatives that we are involved with, to foster the development of associative economic alliances. Those who originally signed up for the Mysterious Money Conversation, will have been sent call in details. Otherwise, if you register to download the recording of the Mysterious Money Call, you will also receive the Call in Details for Sunday's call. If you can't make Sunday's call, it will be recorded as well, so feel free to register at <http://anthroposophyalive.com/> even if you can't make the live call and you'll receive the recording if you feel called to learn more.

Mysterious Money Highlight Summary:

- 1) Money faces us everywhere today**, in current events, the news, in our own working lives, and personal relationships. It is a constant presence but also a constant pressure, often backgrounded by fearfulness. Many people find themselves in challenging circumstances.
- 2) What seems personal and private to each of us is actually being experienced universally** on a worldwide human scale. Economics has become a universally human concern through which we all become connected and responsible.
- 3) Behind all the events we meet is an economic dimension**, and it is informed by an antithetical way of thinking which shows up as market economics. It lives invisibly in all our arrangements and provides

convincing explanations and practical effects, but it exists in the shadows. We need to meet this 'being' - this 'intention' - and to do so with equanimity, comprehension and an immediate practical response.

4) The transformation we seek comes from taking hold of the idea that lives within the phenomenon, the economic event, and recasting it so that it comes out of the shadows and fits the actual situation.

5) Money does not exist as such. It only exists as three kinds of money in constant motion, and it can be accounted for in what flows between us in all our exchanges and transactions.

6) By raising money into the light of our consciousness, we recognize that it is not simply a materialistic 'thing' that we are driven by or move around as we please. The more we develop precision in our accounting, money becomes a tool of perception by which we can see the realities of the economy at work. Money is not a thing; it is a reflection of our economic selves.

7) When people become economically conscious and see the discrepancies all about them, there are two approaches that typically emerge. One is personal - to interpret events on a personal level, to see money as a tool for personal development, as a soul phenomenon. This is not what this call is about. Although our relationship to money can be used as a mirror for our soul life, there are dangers in this approach when it is coupled with unrealistic promises of personal enrichment. The second approach is political - to advocate for money reform and social change through campaigning and petitions. But though well intentioned, these attempts are often amateurish and miss the essential point - that it is our understanding of money (and its consequent behavior) that needs to develop, not the legislative framework in which it is contained.

8) If not personal or political, what then do we do? We shift our thinking to see that our personal circumstances are linked to a humanity-wide reality, to humanity's circumstance. We move our thinking beyond the soul of money to the spirit of money. We begin looking at events in their wider context to understand the economic, spiritual and social evolution of humanity - to see the times in which we live and the development of which we are a part.

9) For example, we are witnessing national economies shifting to a single global economy; gold as money being replaced by what Tom Greco calls a 'credit commons'; human beings now able, through the development of a new living spiritual and scientific thinking, to become sovereign individuals capable of re-conceiving the world. It all comes down to how we allocate values. The challenge is an inner one: how can we take hold of ourselves?

10) Rudolf Steiner's economics course reveals the Undiscovered Steiner. The three kinds of money take us beyond banking. Money is not gold or coins or paper, but rather, money is accounting - accurate and unbiased, pure and simple double-entry bookkeeping. The new economic landscape is the shift to association - at all levels.

11) If we don't take responsibility for our financial sovereignty and engage in free economic association with each other, we will continue to be run by forces outside of our influence - such as the current banking system.

12) The Anthroposophical Movement can become more aware of itself through new economic forms and processes which provide the basis for nurturing real association.

Money Unveiled Associative Economic and Entrepreneur Circle



For those interested to learn more and to pioneer a new economic movement, Arthur Edwards has offered to facilitate a "Money Unveiled" Associate Economics and Entrepreneur Circle (AE Circle) via phone and web to support those who are ready to hone new capacities in a supportive environment where we can all learn from one another. Arthur's



skills as an economist include not only the ability to discern the individual and macro economic problems and get to the heart of them, but also the ability to hone in on a specific situation, whether individual, business or larger institutions, to offer hopeful new directions for those willing to engage with new ways of thinking and being with money.

Arthur's program is scheduled to begin Sunday Nov. 8th, 2016 and will take place every other Sunday through January of next year. The intention is to bring new economic faculties into our lives, our initiatives, and our communities for the new year.

In addition, Arthur has generously offered a bonus of one free private consultation for the first 25 people who register for the upcoming AE Circle program. To learn more click the link: [Money Unveiled AE](#) [Circle](#)

Also coming up this month on **Anthroposophy Alive:**

The Soul, The Season, and the Spirit of our Time Monday evening weekly Free Community Conversations
Destiny Unveiled: *Preparing for a Collaborative Path through Advent, the Holy Nights and into the New Year* in light of the New Christmas Conference Paradigm as inaugurated by Rudolf Steiner, Free Presentation and Conversation, Sunday, Nov. 15th

For more information visit <http://anthroposophyalive.com/>

From the Board

In the past several months, the RSB-NC Board has taken a number of steps toward enhancing the life of the Branch. To begin with, we hosted four meetings to address concerns raised by several members at the May AGM, and, while the proceedings were not perfect, they did allow the major issues to be heard to the best of our ability. We trust that these matters may be ended as a public concern, and we encourage those who feel they have not been sufficiently heard or their viewpoint has not been honored, to talk with that person directly and strive to understand the other person's good intentions. We ask that members refrain from using email and posts to the list-serve to voice their concerns further.

We have now inaugurated [our newsletter](#), *The Michael Messenger*, with a new name and in a different format. It's available to read on-line and can also be printed and read in hard copy.

More recently, the Branch was treated to a very memorable Michaelmas celebration, coordinated by Joanna and supported by artistic presentations by many members of the Branch. We also had a wonderful visit by internationally recognized lyrist John Billing who performed a superb concert.

The [Branch calendar](#) is now full of the activities of the Branch -- study groups, presentations, workshops, classes, festival celebrations and performances.

I strongly encourage you, our readers, to take a tour through the RSB-NC Branch web site: <http://anthroposophync.org>. The members-only sections of the web site are available to those who have paid the 2015 member dues. If you have paid dues but do not know how to access the members' sections, please let me know.

Robert Mays
 President



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“Let us conjure up again and again in our soul the necessity of feeling that this small number of human beings that are now living in the midst of a material world and are led through their Karma to the possibility of grasping mankind’s most important task for the future; that this small number of human beings are called upon to fulfill important, most important tasks through its soul-life.

We should realize this without any pride; we should realize modestly and humbly the great difference between a soul that is gradually finding its way into the spiritual world and all the people outside, who do not have the slightest idea about it, who are above all, not even willing to have any

idea of it.

This fact should not merely arouse in us discouraging and painful feelings, but should produce feelings that incite is to continue our work with increasing energy and to work faithfully within the stream of Spiritual Science, to which we have been led through our Karma.”

Rudolf Steiner - Leipzig, February 22, 1916