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Dear friends,

When you receive our new program, you might be astonished with how many different events you will find, in a time where common activities are not allowed. I have decided to continue our work as a spiritual and religious community, despite all the limitations. It goes without saying that each individual is free to decide whether or not to participate personally in any of the activities.

My position in favour of this decision is based on two different points of view with regard to political events.

Medical problems and issues cannot be decided by politicians and certainly cannot be solved. And there has never been a public debate between the different scientists about their different view on this virus and its consequences. This debate is still missing to this day.

Independently of the official media, newspapers and television, there are other sources that provide quite different information, including other figures on the disease itself. It is not possible for a clear-thinking person to simply disqualify the critical scientists as frivolous or marginal.

I hope that you will understand my decision to trust the spiritual strength of our Community, and that our inner efforts will be of help and encouragement to us all.

In this program for the end of 2020 you will be able to discover some innovations. For our great future building projects, we asked a graphic designer to develop a new logo for us. All who were involved in this process are now very thankful for this beautiful Logo. From now on, you will see this Logo regularly as we present our work to the public.

And you might discover a new name on the last page of the program. As you know the correspondent of the Christian Community in Ireland, Audrey Flynn, has taken another important task in her life. We wish her well in her future work; however, she continues to support our work in other ways. Now Brian Walsh, who was already connected with the congregation, has offered to help as the correspondent and has become a great help in many different fields of work. You might especially discover this on our website, which is now much more up to date.

Brian will also give talks on the 12 senses, which have such an important role in our life for today and for the future. Brian's reflections will certainly give us interesting insights into how we might connect with our senses.

I am also very thankful for Alan's contribution during the Holy Nights. As we know from our own experiences that the time of the twelve Holy Nights are the most open time to connect ourselves with the spiritual world and also to receive their grace for the whole year. It seems more important than ever to give ourselves openly to this time. Of course, this is only one view of this time. The spiritual world

needs also our attention. As Rudolf Steiner mentioned many times, our prayers, our intensive thinking and our offerings to this spiritual world is sustenance for its inhabitant's. And with the help of art, music, and community endeavour these twelve special nights will come to fruition with a small concert. I am very grateful to Frolieb Tomsits and her colleague for having the courage to come to Ireland in spite of difficult external conditions. Our community life is greatly enhanced by her talent and generosity in sharing her skills.

I think that the forces of trust on the one hand, and the forces of courage on the other hand are what we need now in these circumstances. Only with these forces can we stand up to the opposing forces.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ute König". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the end of the word "König".

*Rev. Ute Koenig*

#### **Postscript: A Note on Giving in these Difficult Times**

Due to the reduction in events we have been able to hold at the Christian Community this year, from talks and workshops, to services, giving is also significantly down this year. This has meant we are running at a significant deficit. For those who have regularly attended services and events in the past, we would like to encourage you to continue to contribute as you can. Details for giving can be found on the back of our current programme, on our website and by contacting us. Seasonal and regular donations are also still gratefully received in person. As well as donations, you can continue to contribute to our current and future work by purchasing books from our bookstore, which has just been restocked with many new titles, and by giving your time and effort towards our continued work.