

## Anthroposophical Society in Canada

May 3, 2021

Re: Treasurer's AGM Letter

Dear Members of the Anthroposophical Society in Canada (ASC),

As we prepare for the 2021 AGM and Conference which is planned for June 24-27<sup>th</sup> in Blockhouse, Nova Scotia, we remain fully cognizant of the ongoing pandemic situation. While we are ever-hopeful for a resumption to some level of normalcy, Council remains prepared for a fully virtual AGM as we held last year. If we are able to go ahead in Nova Scotia, we will also provide a hybrid AGM allowing Members the option to travel to Nova Scotia or to log in across the country.

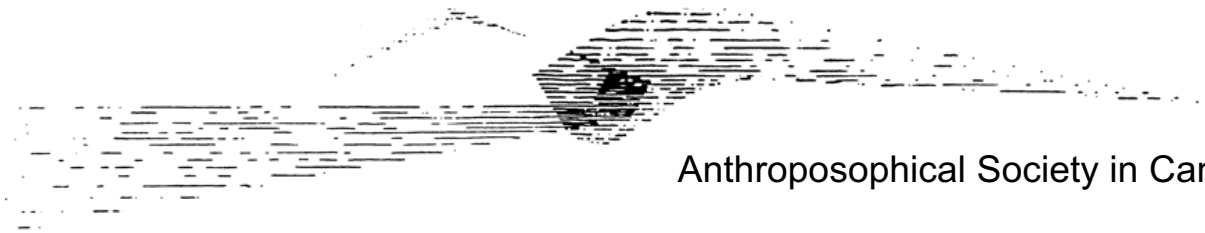
Regardless of the outcome, it is time again for us to carefully consider the Society finances outlined below, so that we the Members understand the financial effects of the pandemic so far and see where we are going as we come out of the other side.

Below we consider the 2020 core finances, update the previously approved 2021 budget to reflect a refined vision of the year so far, and look towards a budget for 2022. Enclosed you will find income and expense spreadsheets covering these three items along with a comparison to 2019 actuals. Formal 2020 financial statements covering the entire Society (core and branches) will be posted on the website shortly.

**Please contact me well in advance of the AGM (June 26<sup>th</sup>) with any thoughts, ideas and questions about our Society finances. We all need to feel informed and aware in order to approve the financial statements and budgets at that meeting and uphold our statutory obligations.**

### **Membership Contributions**

In 2019, 449 Members contributed totaling \$99,182. In 2020, 450 Members contributed totaling \$110,820. This was split between the Goetheanum basic (\$54,000) and the Canadian (National) basic core activities (\$56,820) in accordance with the Membership Policy and based on the Goetheanum capitation rate of \$120/Member. Please note that the Goetheanum treasury is deeply appreciative of our response to their appeal for increased support.



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### **Core Operating Activity vs. Budget**

The biggest single item from 2020 is our receipt of a \$20,000 bequest from one of our dear Members who passed over last summer.

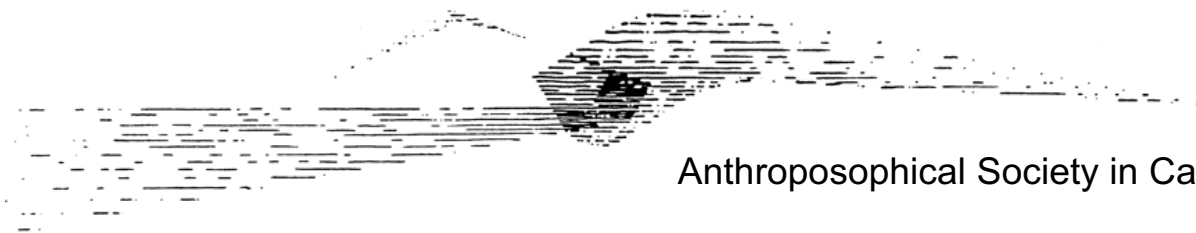
Given the increased capitation fee to Dornach we are committed to forwarding that amount regardless of the actual amount of contribution from each Member. As not everyone can manage the full Member contribution of \$320, the remainder contribution to the National basic account is \$5,580 below budget, more than balanced this year by reduced overall spending during the pandemic.

Total fee to be forwarded to the Goetheanum for 2020 activity is the Membership capitation fee (Goetheanum basic: \$54,000), Goetheanum extra donations (\$4,060) and a passthrough of Class Holder-donated Lesson book publishing costs back to Dornach (\$780) for a total of \$58,840.

The School of Spiritual Science and ASC Council activities were sharply curtailed during the pandemic portion of the year. After a full Council meeting in January with local members in Calgary, and some General Secretary travel early on, the balance of the year's activity was either cancelled (eg. The General Anthroposophical Section conference planned for Montreal), or reverted to video conferencing. The very successful Holy Nights Zoom event with Regine Kurek and Dorothy Lebaron wrapped up an unusual year for us all.

In 2020, the ASC again retained its "Non-Soliciting Corporation" status (receiving less than \$10,000 in income from public, i.e. non-member sources), enabling us to waive the accounting Review Engagement and the associated cost of \$5,000-per-year for 3 years. Each year, we are required to officially waive the Review Engagement with a formal resolution at the AGM, for which we again ask your support. In lieu of a Review Engagement, the Treasurer signs the financial statements and files them with Revenue Canada, attesting to their accuracy.

Having said that, we are now working with the Toronto Branch in support of their vision. The current discussion centers around moving consciously back to Review Engagements or even full financial audits in order to work with larger funders and donors in the future.



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### **Budgets**

The updated 2021 budget and the proposed 2022 budget are shown on the attached spreadsheets. These budgets contemplate a return to normalcy in most areas, with the exception of a new web design for the ASC website in 2021, a phase-in of Review Engagement/Audits starting in 2022, and a growing reserve from a \$48,672 core surplus in 2020 mainly due to the bequest and Pandemic-related inactivity.

Please review these important budgets carefully, and let me know in advance of any questions, concerns or suggestions you may have, before we adopt them by formal resolution at the AGM. Council looks forward to seeing you in person or on-line as we are able.

With warm regards,

John Glanzer  
Treasurer, for the Council