

## Establishment of a Circle of Friends of the Medical Section

## Dear Co-workers and Friends of the anthroposophical medical movement worldwide!

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Medical Section at the Goetheanum – established by Rudolf Steiner in collaboration with Ita Wegman – and thus also of the beginning of a new Christian mystery medicine. That this impulse has been able to take root worldwide to the present day – for this we are tremendously thankful! The associated work, however, requires constant nurturing of its earthly and spiritual ressources.

The main reason for this letter to all of you is that we are now at the beginning of a new century, which also demands a new perspective: from the world towards the Goetheanum and the Medical Section.

We were able to perform our intensive work for Anthroposophic Medicine and the worldwide working community that supports it because we could rely on financial support from the economic life as well as from friendly institutions and individual friends. Since the coronavirus crisis, however, this support has almost completely dried up. As a result, the Section's work came under great financial strain already during the past year and it could only be continued with difficulty. For the coming year, however, it is severely at risk, so that we, as the Section leadership freshly in office, can clearly see that without a new awareness entering our entire anthroposophical medical movement things cannot continue constructively. In addition to income from conferences, projects and initiatives, the Section with its infrastructure and staff team is dependent on a financial base that can only be built up through free donations.

This gave rise to the impulse to found an International Circle of Friends of the Medical Section, to which we would like to invite everyone who feels connected to our work and also wants to support it financially. We would like to intensify our dialogue with you and enter into a living exchange through members' discussion evenings, our newsletter, the annual report and other forums.

If we become a community of 5,000 people who are willing to make a monthly contribution of 5,10 or 15 Swiss francs, euros or US dollars, the Medical Section would be given a sound economic footing on which we could not only continue our work without having to cut staff, but would also be able to develop that work vigorously.

We would be delighted to welcome you to this Circle of Friends and send you our best wishes Marion Debus, Karin Michael, Adam Blanning and the team of the Medical Section

Your contribution with the reference "Circle of Friends" can be made:

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