

***A First Short Report on the Informational Meeting
held in Dornach by LIVING THE CHRISTMAS CONFERENCE
on March 19, 2005.***

After the Dornach General Members' Meeting, at least sixty people gathered in the meeting room of the Hotel Engel in Dornach to discuss the events of the day and to inform themselves about the lawsuit, now concluded, and the background and extent of the financial scandal in the German Society.

During the course of our lively exchange, the main sentiments were great joy and relief because the Board had now accepted the judgment of the high court, which makes its terms legally binding. This, in turn, means that the dissolution of the **“General Anthroposophical Society founded in 1923 and reorganized in 1925”** (the court's words) has now been prevented.

However, the majority of the gathered members were very angry about the way the Board totally falsified the judgments in reading its “Explanation” that afternoon. The Board continues to assert, in an untruthful and confusing way, that the court declared the society of the Christmas Conference to have been dissolved, and therefore to be nonexistent. Yet quite the opposite is the case! The court declares that today's General Anthroposophical Society is the society of the Christmas Conference! On the surface, the Board members seem to accept the judgment, yet in reality they pervert it into its opposite and act as if it didn't exist.

Attendees were also angry and puzzled at the fact that Board members are not willing to resign, even though their constitution plans have turned out to be legally untenable and even though these plans even endangered the continued existence of the General Anthroposophical Society, which the court has just confirmed to be the bearer of the Christmas Society impulse.

Most gathered members also vehemently opposed the Board's announced intention of upholding the distortion of Rudolf Steiner's Principles undertaken at the December 2002 members' meeting as well as the intention of curtailing member rights, through a new definition of the role of general secretaries as well as in other ways.

This meeting proved once again that open exchange on the current issues so important to the Society is essential and deeply satisfying. It also proved that constructive dialogue is quite possible even in larger circles of members who do not all share the same views, and that in future it should be much more often made possible.

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