

Medical Section Conference 2022

Friday 3rd June – Whitsunday 5th June 2022 At the Steiner Academy Hereford

Raphael, Brother of Humankind – Guardian of Healing

The meaning of the 'Raphael Path' for our inner and outer work

With guest speaker

Dr Michaela Glöckler

Former Leader of the Medical Section at the Goetheanum

Open to doctors, nurses, health practitioners, therapists, pharmacists, and those engaged in social therapy and special needs education who wish to deepen their connection to Anthroposophic Medicine and the Medical Section

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In the ancient mysteries Mercury was the guide of souls who led a human being across the threshold to the spiritual world. In post-Christian times Mercury [as Raphael] does not lead us to the wisdom of the supersensible world, but rather it leads a person who would follow it to another person. From: Ita Wegman, The Mysteries

We warmly invite you to our annual conference, which is dedicated to the theme of 'Raphael, brother of Mankind'– words taken from a verse by Bernard Lievegoed that remind us of this great spiritual helper for our healing work.

The last two years have been challenging for individuals and communities everywhere. To discern and decide what to think has not been easy and has sometimes strained relationships. How can we, in the spirit of Raphael, who carries the impulse to heal destinies, develop the vision and strength to enable a "new health-bringing element...through deeds of love" (I. Wegman) to come into being? How can we build and strengthen relationships inside and outside our movement?

Raphael as a theme already resounded at the 2019 and 2021 conferences, and so did the wish to develop our understanding of the 'Raphael Path' and its meaning for our work. We are grateful that **Dr Michaela Glöckler**, who has lived with this question for many years, has agreed to join us as our guide and mentor, hopefully in person, and online should travel not be possible.

There will also be space for sharing reports on initiatives, organisations, research questions, ideas and challenges. We look forward to your contributions – please let us know by 1st May 2022 if you wish to make a presentation so that we can plan accordingly.

In-Person Participation

After careful consideration we have decided not to offer this conference as a hybrid event. Recordings of key talks will be available to those unable to join in person.

Sibylle Eichstaedt, Rainer Klocke (Joint Coordinators), Jeanne-Claire Bischoff, James Dyson and Hannah Spreadborough (Core-Carrying group)

Optional background reading

Raphael and the Mysteries of Illness and Healing: Materials and Motifs, collected by Michaela Glöckler. 2016 (75pp) • 'The Raphael Imagination as the Inspiration for medical and therapeutic action' (p.32–38) in Leadership Questions and Forms of Working in the Anthroposophic Medical Movement. Ed. by Michaela Glöckler and Rolf Heine, 2016 • Ita Wegman. The Mysteries. Temple Lodge Publishing. 1995 • Rudolf Steiner, 'The Easter Imagination' in The Four Seasons and the Archangels

Programme

Friday	Saturday	Whitsunday
	8.45 Singing and Verse	
	9.00 Raphael & Michael Michaela Glöckler	9.00 The Raphael Imagination Sibylle Eichstaedt
	10.00 Small Group Work II	9.45 Panel Conversation
	10.45 Coffee	
	11.15 Workshops I	11.15 Workshops III
	12.15 Plenum Conversation Responses from groups	12.15 Closing Plenum Review & Preview
	13.00 Lunch	
From 14.00 Registration – Tea	14.00 A Window into Drama Therapy <i>Mike Chase – case study</i> <i>from his prison work</i>	
15.30 Verse; Welcome & Introductions	15.00 Contributions on Initiatives/ Developments/ Ideas/ Organisations	
16.00 Introduction to the Conference theme <i>Michaela Glöckler</i>	15.30 Tea	
17.00 Small Group Work I	16.00 Workshops II	
Plenum	17.00 Healing Destiny – bringing "stuck destiny back into movement" Michaela Glöckler	
18.15 Supper		
19.15 Singing Responses from Groups 19.45 Contributions on Initiatives / Developments/ Ideas/ Organisations	19.15 Singing Plenum Conversation	
20.45 Verse / Close		

To book your conference place please register on the AMUK website www.anthroposophicmedicine.org.uk/event-4590578 For queries please contact the Conference administrator Anita Robberts E: medicalsectionconference@gmail.com M: 07834061645

Cost (inclusive of meals and refreshments) £125 If cost prevents you from attending, please speak to Anita Robberts

> Venue The Steiner Academy Hereford, Much Dewchurch, Herefordshire, HR2 8DL

Accommodation

An accommodation list will be available from the Conference Administrator once you have registered

Workshops

1) Biographical Counselling: the art of healing conversation – Jane Chase

2) Eurythmy for Wellbeing - Karla Prates

3) Hand and foot massage – Trish Rider

4) Moon, Sun & Saturn Karma: Exploring the Path to Raphael – Marah Evans

5) Plant Observation – Michael Evans

6) Visual Arts – Nicole Weinberger

Water mark drawing on cover page by Jeanne-Claire Bishop, based on a sculpture outside Haus Duldeck at the Goetheanum