

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025 PROGRAM PLANNING TEAM REPORT

At the 2024 Annual General Meeting it was suggested and approved by the members present that we would forgo having an elected program chair. Instead, our branch was willing to experiment with having a group of self-selected volunteers to form a program committee and be responsible for creating programs for the Los Angeles Branch.

The following people volunteered to form the committee:

Bari Borsky  
Christine Burke  
Linda Connell  
Stefano Di Concetto

Dan Hartjes  
Matthew Kenyon  
Anne Saldo  
Jeremy Shirley

We decided to have weekly meetings on zoom, to share responsibility for hosting the meetings and creating agendas, and to establish procedures for working together. We brought ideas for creating events and lecturers to the group, and we found that working in Google docs was the most efficient way to hold and share program information.

Each member brought their own strengths to the group, and each was very generous in sharing those strengths, energy, and administrative capacities. Most importantly, we worked together respectfully, mindful that everyone had a busy life, and everyone was a volunteer working on behalf of the Los Angeles Branch members, friends, and community.

The following is a list of programs we brought during the 2024/25 year:

The Calendar of the Soul in Images by Karl Koenig  
Anxiety, Depression, and Anthroposophical Healing  
Cosmos Above, Cosmos Below: Man & His Relationship to the World Order lectures  
Chekhov Acting and Storytelling workshop  
Knitting and Crocheting workshops  
Eurythmy classes  
Biography workshop  
AWSNA Teacher Education Circle Southern California visit  
Remembering the Dead celebration  
Third Mystery Drama workshop  
Needle Felt Handwork workshops  
Emergency Pedagogy weekend workshop  
Shepherd's Play

Due to the devastating Eaton Canyon Fire several workshops were postponed in 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Bari Borsky  
On behalf of the Program Planning Team

## Seasonal Festivals

The Program Planning Team has been striving to celebrate every appropriate festival in the Branch. Some of the festival celebrations are simple, just reading together lectures by Rudolf Steiner. Other festivals and celebrations may have special events – arts, music, or lectures.

The following are seasonal festivals we observed during the 2024/25 year:

Easter  
Ascension  
Pentecost  
St. John's Tide  
Michaelmas/ Foundation Stone 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and potluck  
Holy Nights

Karl König said about the festivals,

If these festivals were abolished, ...then not only the human being but the earth too would be shaken out of the true rhythm of being and lose the forces implicit in the process of breathing.

And also,

The body of the earth is an organism in time.

Warmly,

Linda Connell

On behalf of the Program Planning Team