

Today, who is the successor of the scribe, who was taken from the Church to keep the accounts of princes? It is the bookkeeper, in whose ledger, there is still a slight reminder of those early times, which is still to be found in certain regions. When one turns up the front page ... there one finds 'With God' inscribed. It is a memory of ancient times.

– Rudolf Steiner  
Oxford 29 August 1922.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Treasurers Research Meeting *Bookkeeping with God*

Hosted by the Economics Group of the Anthroposophical Society in America

*5pm, Sunday 11 to 5pm Tuesday 13 October 2026 / Threefold Foundation, Spring Valley, NY. USA*

Continuing our active research into the financing of the Anthroposophical Society on the twin basis of the 1923 Christmas Statutes and Rudolf Steiner's economics course, our next step is to explore further the possibilities for taking up the financing work of the Circle of Treasurers, but now at the level of groups or branches of a Country Society (in this case, that of the US).

Following on from the three research meetings to date<sup>1</sup> and encouraged by Kim Chotzen's work with the Anthroposophical Society in Viroqua, we are inviting treasurers and bookkeepers of the Society in the US to join us in

mapping next steps. The meeting is open to anyone practically involved in Anthroposophical Society finances, but the core participation will be based in three criteria:

1. practical knowledge of bookkeeping
2. readiness to share one's group's accounts in case study mode (or those of other anthroposophical institutions if relevant)
3. willingness to trial application to those accounts of the material supplied (see below).

### Topics Covered (and related material)

1. Chart of Accounts Template (Income and Expense Accounts)
2. Model balance sheet showing key funds.
3. Quickbooks (or equivalent) version of 1 and 2.
4. Quickbooks (or equivalent) presentational format.
5. Assessment Spreadsheet.\*

\* The Assessment Spreadsheet is designed to identify the optimal financial set-up in terms of:

1. Type and scope of activity (study group, putting on events, conducting or hosting research).
2. Finances. Turnover, linked to scale of activity.
3. Probable capital requirements (donations, loans or equity).
4. Premises option (license (hourly rental), lease (one year or more), free title (permanent)).
5. Optimal tax treatment.
6. Matching to associative economic criteria.

We have invited Christopher Houghton Budd to run the workshop. He is a member of the ASA, coordinator of the Circle of Treasurers and convenor of the Economics Conference of the Goetheanum.

The dates follow on from the Anthroposophical Society in America's annual gathering, and details are still being worked out, but this gives an overview of what is planned. If you would like to take part, please let us know by **21 September**, giving your details and which group, branch or institution you represent. There is no charge for taking part as the venue costs will be carried by the Economics Conference Fund, but travel, food and lodging costs will be to the account of those taking part, ideally carried by the group or organization you represent.

We look forward to hearing from you. c/o kc@kimchotzen.com.

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<sup>1</sup> Ann Arbor, March 2024, Spring Valley, October 2025 and April 2026.