

Subject: A fundamental decision. If the explanation is not clear please email with your query or comment

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Dear associates of CCMJ,

In the light of the rapidity of change and despite the many positive returns from our annual appraisal requests, I am resigning from the role of facilitator [or moderator] of both CCMJ and its weekly expression in the London Global Open Table. The title 'Chairperson' related to the former organizational pattern of CCMJ and was set aside several years ago in the spirit of the universal nature of the exploration we pursue. Facilitator fits the kind of democracy we are seeking to evolve – stumblingly of course!

I will continue to invite and stimulate dialogue through a weekly 'Matters in the Air', doing this simply as an individual. In this way adding to and utilizing on receipt of reports or requests, the resources, contacts and collaborative agencies that CCMJ and the Table have built up over many years.

The notes following give further reasons for my decision:

A] My wife and I are soon to move to a small flat in a Shared Housing Community some 50 miles south-west of London. I will continue to be in London every Wednesday and so will be able to meet people by invitation or request when dates coincide and at a new meeting point.

B] On many fronts our nation is being urged to form new collaborative engagements to share our aspirations for the idealism of a global citizenry, within which context every lesser, vital, but interim community of nurture and process seeks to understand and apply its unique part in the integrity of our shared trusteeship of this ever evolving planet. The contributions of CCMJ have filtered into the insights and witness of many individuals and agencies. Hopefully that will continue as associates themselves determine.

The community formed and encouraged around LGOT and CCMJ has become a collaborative form of engagement in the nature of a chaplaincy in which value flows both ways without assertive opinions, dogmas, authoritative or institutional constraints. As our reflections grew about a contemporary expression of the strange concept 'the Kin[g]dom of God', we evolved into an association of mutual support and the encouragement of public 'response-ability'*², moving away from being an organisation around any single issue in order to probe the complexities of today's society as a systemic whole. That development continues in a specific form of action [see last paragraph].

[The hyphen is inserted into 'responsibility' in recognition of the sharing of respect for each person's setting and opportunities for action.]*

C] Recently the meeting point at the Table has lost its particular comprehensive focus through the dominance of Londoners' attending and the disregard of 'Matters in the Air', which is the reminder of our rich inclusiveness and range of contribution.

The widening network of concern for a new democracy shows how many more people are now aware of CCMJ's original emphasis on usury in relation to money; but are not yet finding it easy to tackle the greater meaning of usury' namely the foundation of any and all the exploitation of others at every level of social complexity. That is why we now pursue the need to see the 'kingdom of God' likened to a 'peoples political-economy of trusteeship in the harmony of nature'.

We have learnt more and more that the genuine mutual enabling of each other as 'Independents in Togetherness' [the chaplaincy model as we have called it; and fair description of Democracy] was hindered by the drag of a formal organisation and so we have become more consciously an open 'council' on line. The recent restatement of the meaning of the four letters C C M J in relation to each other was warmly approved by 32 associates, with no one else even suggesting modifications.

No one from the small group of five now arbitrarily stating that that a formal AGM be called for Sept. 24th and related to our set-aside former Constitution, made any response to that contribution within our continuing appraisal. An appraisal is a mutual exercise and an audit of values and prospects. It is not an organization's AGM.

In the breakdown of our own guidelines on collaboration in on open association there has been no consultation in recent developments and much of the process of stewarding/nurturing has been hi-jacked.

The invitation to a Sept 24th meeting [should it reach you] was not prepared or sent in consultation with anyone beyond the five appending their names. I wasn't asked, nor did I agree, to be the 'chair'. Within that small group lies the ownership and management of the CCMJ and LGOT websites, a valued service, but now exercised in an arbitrary manner that acts against all the costly ways of collaboration that we have been at pains to develop in the last three years.

Please stay with 'Matters in the Air' , or make clear if you wish to withdraw. I hope you will also consider allowing your name to be on the Registered Interest list of those testing out the collaborative development of a Peoples' Political-Economy of Trusteeship in the Harmony of Nature' founded in universal values and applied to the four British nations. Register on <http://www.constitutionalists.uk> , or question me about it.

Yours as we all move on along the pilgrims' co-operative way

Peter