

**Guidelines as basis of collaboration  
between the General Anthroposophical Society  
and the Country Societies**

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Country Society Councils and Treasurers, 11 April 2019*

1. The councils of the country societies (hereafter 'councils') confirm that, since membership of the Society entails a contribution from each member, membership dues are not free donations.<sup>3</sup>
2. The councils will strive for a common awareness of our worldwide financial flows.
3. The councils will collectively contribute to a travel equalisation fund set up to enable *every* treasurer to meet once yearly.
4. The councils will not condition what should be done at the Goetheanum, or withhold membership dues because they disagree with what is happening at the Goetheanum or consider their own needs more important.
5. The councils aim to transfer to the General Society a yearly minimum of CHF 90<sup>4</sup> per member or a minimum 50% of the membership dues income in their country.
6. The councils collectively aim to underwrite the needs of the General Society as identified by the Vorstand.
7. The councils agree that it is not for the Sections to find alone the funds needed to carry out their work.
8. The councils will aim to include infrastructure when presenting the financing needs of the Sections.<sup>5</sup>
9. On receiving legacies, the councils will consider sharing these funds with the General Society and/or other country societies.

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<sup>3</sup> In the spirit of Statute 12 ("Membership dues shall be fixed by the individual groups; each group shall, however, submit 15 Swiss Francs for each of its members to the central leadership of the Society at the Goetheanum"), the amount individual members contribute is left open, but the amount due per member by a country society or group to the General Society is an obligation.

<sup>4</sup> CHF 90 is the 1923 amount of CHF 15 updated per Swiss National Bank computations.

<sup>5</sup> This accords with the role of the Society as the earthly juridical body of the School.