



ANTHROPOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN AMERICA

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF HUW JOHN & THE TRUSTEES:

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The Camphill Village Trust
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To All Members of the Camphill Village Trust:

The Southeast Pennsylvania Branch of the Anthroposophical Society in America is embedded in a region with four thriving Camphill organizations and properties. A rich cultural life is cultivated in each of these places, with many events open to the members of our Branch as well as the wider community. Our Branch benefits from the possibility to hold its events in the beautiful halls of these places, events that are well attended by adults with and without disabilities from Camphill.

The founding of Camphill is based upon the insights of Anthroposophy, which recognizes the full humanity of people with developmental disabilities. This fundamental tenet of Camphill continues to inspire the community model of mutual care and support and dignified work. It is precisely the spiritual and social ideals of these communities that most benefit the people who live there. If, as has been implemented by the Camphill Village Trust, these essential elements of Camphill are forcefully and tragically removed, the resulting business model is a poor replacement for the genuine care and sincere love of humanity which Camphill offers as a living example of what our society in general can strive for.

The Initiative Group of the SE PA Branch of the Anthroposophical Society adamantly protests the removal of committed co-workers from their communities by Camphill Village Trust and we actively support Action for Botton, Action for the Grange and for Delrow in their endeavor to save the essential impulse of Camphill in Botton and other Camphill places in Britain.

Sincerely,

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