

## If you would like to help us!

The total cost of the project is 1,300,000€: 510,000€ for the land and 790,000€ for the building. We have already received many gifts and loans from members and friends of the Colmar congregation and from communities in France, Switzerland and the Netherlands. But we still need 300,000€. Any form of support will be welcome.

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To receive your gifts, we opened an account with The NEF – Crédit Coopératif in Strasbourg and donations can be paid into the following account:  
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### Colmar Christian Community Friends' Association

The Friends' Association of the Christian Community in Colmar was started to weave links between our congregation and congregations around the world. When one thinks of Colmar, one thinks first of the Mathias Grünewald altar painting, but also of Mont St Odile and Dornach, which are both less than an hour away. So, we are often asked to provide accommodation, meeting space for individuals or groups, as well as guides to the town.

The Friends' Association aims to create an international network around our building project by offering accommodation to visitors to Colmar, guided tours of the town, space for artistic activities or simply for meeting over coffee and cakes. It is in a spirit of mutual enrichment that we would like to welcome friends from the Christian Community all over the world to Colmar.

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in Colmar



# The Christian Community

movement for religious renewal

The Christian Community in the Haut-Rhin, in the east of France, is situated in the historic town of Colmar, home of the Mathias Grünewald altar painting. Its name, Chapelle de la Colombe, bears the imprint of the dove, the spirit of Whitsun. Around 120 households form the core of the congregation and for most of the year two priests celebrate services on Sundays and Thursdays. The number of children attending services and taking part in religion lessons has steadily grown over the last few years. Altogether there are around 80 children at present. The life of the congregation also includes festivals, talks, exhibitions, concerts, plays (the Redentine Easter play), story telling, poetry reading ...

Autumn 2013

## Why we are building

The life of the community takes place in a beautiful house which has been our home for the last twenty-five years. For different reasons this set up no longer fits our needs for space and shape: the chapel is badly insulated and lit. By 2015, we would have to make many alterations to comply with regulations, which would decrease the usable space even more and would be costly. Moreover, the congregation feels that we need to be more visible and this is why, on the 7th October 2012, we took the decision to build a new center.

## Where and What ?

Land has been found 15 minutes away by foot from the main station, in the area known as Sainte Marie. The decision has been made to build a church to ensure a fitting setting for the celebration of the sacraments, around which community facilities will be constructed to provide space for meetings, seminars, cultural activities for adults, young people and children.

