

Annual report 2021

Dear lifecircle Members

Last year passed so quickly and it is already time for the next annual report.

Covid was still causing travel restrictions in 2021. Nevertheless, we were able to offer our help with only a few obstacles to overcome. We hope that 2022, which started well in terms of the pandemic, will continue to be a good year.

In December 21 we were even able to hold a panel discussion again, although unfortunately Pastor Kriesi had to withdraw for health reasons. So the discussion took place with Marcel Reding, a monk, and myself, moderated by Markus Lüthi. The audience, highly interested in the subject of "dignity", asked lively, critical questions. It was a successful event, without an aperitif again, unfortunately, which was not permitted under covid restrictions at that time.

Our "Café Goodbye", which takes place every three months in the Heimatmuseum Reinach, was also able to be held again from the middle of the year. The next Café Goodbye event will take place on 19 June. Coffee and croissants are available from 9.30 a.m. and the discussion will begin at 10 a.m. on the topic: "permission to die – or how to die"? The speaker is Wolfgang Weigand www.abschiedsfeiern.ch/index.php/wolfgang-weigand/koordinaten , who is both a theologian and cabaret artist, come and be surprised! You can find information about our Café Goodbye, held at the local museum in Reinach, on the website: <https://www.cafegoodbye.ch/> .

Regarding my still impending court date, there is no news. We are all "patiently" waiting for the Federal Supreme Court to set a date. However, I attended the Federal Supreme Court proceedings of my colleague Dr Pierre Beck, which took place on 9.12.21. It was an impressive experience when that court's president decided that Dr Beck should be acquitted, because he could not have been prosecuted if he had given a gun to the person who wanted to die, instead of medication. Given Swiss law on assisted suicide allows someone to provide a weapon for the purpose, a doctor may not be prosecuted for providing, instead of a weapon, a safe and painless medication. I hope for a similarly good decision in my case. I'm sure you'll all find out through the press when I get a date for my final trial.

Continuing lifecircle association's work promoting quality of life, it donated a total of CHF 70.000 to the following institutions and projects: ELA Schweiz, Alzheimerforschung Schweiz, Insieme Basel, Stiftung Autismuszentrum, Behindertensport Schweiz, Alzheimer Schweiz, Kinderspitex Nordwestschweiz, IVB Behindertentransport Basel, Sehbehindertenhilfe Basel, Verein ALS Schweiz, Stiftung «Zuckerpuppa», Stiftung «Colibri», Projekt Gottardo. The recipients have expressed their great appreciation to the association; the accountant will report further.

Caution! This year's Annual General Meeting will again take place in Therwil im Gügge, see invitation.

Now I wish everyone good luck and tolerable health,

best regards

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