



Pentecost 2020

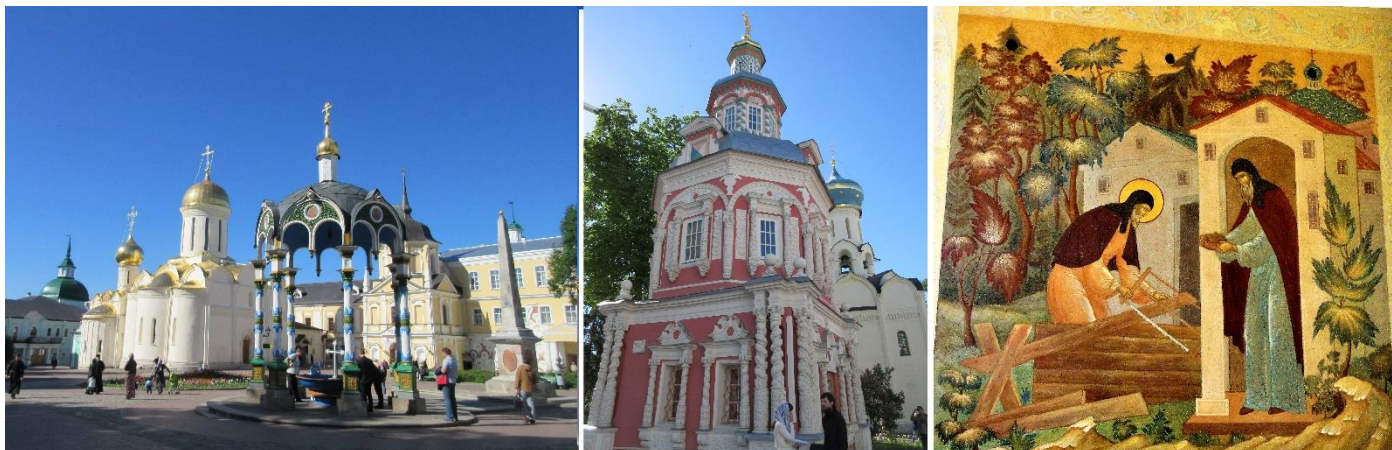
Dear all friends of HumanCare Russia

We wish you a happy Pentecost and a wonderful summer

The picture above is from the Orthodox Pentecost in 2018. It is very lovely that the fresh spring nature is brought into the church in the form of newly sprouted branches. We do not know if this will be possible this year, as Corona ravages the society. Shutdown in Moscow has been drastic. Purchases etc. must be made at the nearest shopping store. Parks have been closed. Many are sent home often without pay or with limited pay. Unemployment is rising. As compensation, families with children have received a children's check, a modest sum. But there is not much to live for for an ordinary family. Health care is hard pressed. Doctors and nurses are hard pressed. The reaction has been that many have travelled to the countryside to visit families or to live in small country houses (дача / dache). This country house belongs to Fr. Pavel's family. It is taken on a previous occasion. We look into a well-equipped kitchen in the photo to the right.



Also fr. Pavel and Irina Smirnova's family, who are healthy, have left for the countryside during this time, where they live most of the time. They do not live far from the Holy Trinity - Sergius Lavra. Lavra means that it is a highly regarded monastery, preferably with several churches and other buildings. The pictures are from a visit in 2018. The last of the 3 pictures shows a modest beginning where the monks built simple country houses. The monastery is of great importance to the Russians, to their people's soul.



Donations

HCR's bank is merged with "Faster Andelskasse"

HCR's account no. is now registration number 5958 account 2009516

HCR's iban account number is now: DK1659580002009516

Swift address / BIC code for payments from EU / SEPA countries "FAANDK21"

For payments from other countries, such as the United States, China or Australia, additional information about the Swift address is required and here "FAANDK21 via DANBDK22" must be used.

We had a general meeting on May 24. We bring here an excerpt from the Chairman's report, which is an overview of HCR's work over the past year.

Chairman's report

The new year 2019 started off well and we were looking forward to address this new year. But everything can change quickly, and unfortunately it turned out for us too.

I will begin my account of mentioning the great grief that struck us, when we were told that Connie Meyer had died on May 9, 2019. Connie's death has affected us greatly. It made major changes to our work in HCR and still does.

Connie was buried in Moscow on May 18, 2019. She was buried in Moscow at her own discretion. Father Pavel and the congregation wanted Connie buried in the church where she has had her ministry in recent years. Connie's two children Mette and Anders traveled to Moscow and attended the funeral. There has been a fundraiser here in Denmark for financial assistance for Connie's funeral.

At an extraordinary general meeting on 6.6.2019, we agreed to continue HCR's work in Connie's Meyer's spirit.

We were two from the board, who therefore travelled to Moscow to speak to Father Pavel and some from the congregation, from December 12 to December 17 2019. We had financial help with Father Pavel and the needy. We had a great trip with a good get-together. We visited Connie Meyer's tomb with people from the congregation, where a petition was held by Father Pavel. We were greeted by dr. Zinenko, (Russia's leading pediatrician), he came to our hotel where he was given a donation for his work. We also had clothes to hand out.

On September 22, 2019 we held a memorial service for Connie Meyer at Bethlehem Church and on September 29, 2019 at LMF (Teachers' Mission Association) in Aarhus. Glory to Connie Meyer's memory.

Our bazaars in Bethlehem Church on April 7, 2019 as well as November 10, 2019 and May 26, 2019 in Karlslunde Beach Church, were well attended and gave an adequate profit.

Connie Meyer managed to hold 3 meetings in Denmark prior to her death.

On April 3, 2019 at Hellerup Church, Margrethe Road 7 B, 2900 Hellerup.

On April 9, 2019 in Sognegården, Viborg.

On April 12, 2019 in Dalby.

We are in contact with Father Pavel and Irina Smirnova in Moscow. They will send us the latest news that will be posted on the website <https://humancarerussia.dk/english.html> / HCR NEWS.

HCR has had 161 likes on the FB page.

The HumanCare Russia Board still want our social humanitarian work to make a difference for people in need. We continue to work on spreading awareness of HCR and increasing the number of members.

Thank you to everyone who helped at HCR's events. Special thanks to Edel Brus Mikkelsen for the nice event at the memorial ceremony in Aarhus.

Thank you for your prayers and for your support.

I will end my story with quote from Mother Teresa:

"We can't do big things, but we can do small things with great love."

Ellen Margrethe Krabbe – Chairman

*Sincerely,
The Board*



*Ellen Margrethe
Krabbe*



Ulla Carstensen



*Elisabeth Louise
Brøker*