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Church as an Economic Being

An Invitation to Convergence XIII: Church as an Economic Being

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Simsbury Inn. Simsbury, Connecticut

Dear members of ICCR,

In our **Church as an Economic Being** initiative, we are challenging church leaders to change the rules of the game. We ask religious leaders to bring a theological imagination to creating or refining financial systems. How can we use our collective land, capital, commitment to community to rethink, redesign the structures through which we live out our economic lives?

At our thirteenth **Convergence**, we are engaging with others who are working to re-imagine our economic relationships as part of God's economy and translate between our church and the aspirations of a new economy. There are no speakers and no workshops. We design the conference around the participants, imagining the fruitful conversations people could have with one other. Past attendees have included denominational executives including church investment funds and leaders from faith-based hospitals, dioceses, and synods.

ICCR has always had such a strong focus on social justice. You have used the tools in the existing system to exert pressure on corporate actors to change their behavior and to leverage aggregated capital to stimulate shareholder activism. This pressure ended up changing the system, validating the power of shareholder activism, creating new systems for holding corporations accountable.

ICCR is needed now to lead in reimagining and shifting market systems so that we create the kind of economic relationships that reflect our faiths.

We would love to have ICCR members join us in Convergence, share your experiences and learn from the diversity of rich, intimate conversations. I know your contributions will be invaluable.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joy Anderson". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Joy Anderson

President & Founder, Criterion Institute

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"The sessions are both enlightening and powerfully "useful" because the individuals who gather bring authentic expertise and a generosity of spirit that seems to magically produce astonishingly practical and actionable ideas." - Laura Berry, Executive Director, ICCR