

Buddhist Society for Compassionate Wisdom



Zen Buddhist Temple



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Greetings on this brisk and sunny fall day,

Scaffolding is just coming down and cleanup is in process as two wonderful masons and an assistant finish up some much needed repairs to our water-damaged Sangha Hall roof and front facade and on our immense front wall. Once again, cosmos bloom throughout the garden, huge pumpkins are ripening, apples have just turned red and don't have so many worms this year, and it's time for our annual fall fundraising. We would like to raise \$20,000:

\$10,000 - to add to ongoing savings for a plan to renovate the Hermitage

\$5,000 - for a scholarship fund for serious students

\$5,000 - for continued upkeep and maintenance of Temple buildings and grounds.

Increased attendance in all of our training programs and services indicate the need for additional, larger meeting places, housing and kitchen space. Of highest priority is the Hermitage transformation. Last year we started a fund that will be used to retain an architect. This year's allocation should allow us to begin planning in earnest.

Happily we are welcoming students who are interested in serious training. ***A growing number of our students have limited means.*** There are also economically challenged people who just wish to take the meditation course or bring their families to Peace Camp. A scholarship fund will help us accommodate these sincere seekers.

Impermanence! As the front masonry work is completed, we must turn our attention to the ***Temple roof, which has been leaking*** into the meditation hall. We hope that the rainfall is minimal while we are in the processes of getting estimates for the repair. We must also ***replace our beautiful 25-year old cedar fence.*** Our efforts over the years of cobbling it together with metal flashing and adding support posts will no longer be sufficient. The only sensible solution is either a new fence or planting a hedge.

The daily work of the Temple continues as more and more people of all ages attend services and dharma programs. Our prison outreach continues to provide comfort and direction to those who are incarcerated. This year four prisoners took precepts. Our children's programming is vibrant; 140 attended Peace Camp this year and consideration is being given to moving to a larger camp site

Your generous financial support will be very much appreciated and carefully used as our Temple provides a dharma light in these challenging times. All offerings are tax deductible. Thank you for your contributions, and for all that you do on behalf of the Temple and your Sangha family.

Gratefully,

Haju Sunim

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