

# Buddhist Society for Compassionate Wisdom



## Zen Buddhist Temple



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Autumn greetings as leaves fall, shadows lengthen, and temperatures drop,

Sometimes I am moved to cry when I contemplate the state of our world today: sorrow, climate change, disease, waste and war. You have probably felt this pain, as well. And yet, even with so much suffering, wherever we look we find beauty and the kindness of others. How can we hold this in our hearts and minds, and live fully in each moment, embracing what is?

Our temple is a light to provide support, guidance, and practice in the midst of this precious, messy life. And now is the time for our annual fall fundraising appeal. Will you please help us to raise \$20,000?

*\$10,000 To add to our ongoing savings for a project that would give us more space*

*\$5,000 For a scholarship fund for serious students & others in need*

*\$5,000 For continued upkeep and maintenance of Temple buildings and grounds.*

Our sangha is a growing, vibrant community. More people of all ages have been attending our public services and dharma programs - meditation courses, retreats, study groups, daily practice, and special events. Our **most pressing need right now is meeting the challenge of housing** new and ongoing programs and providing a place for growing numbers of both full-time residents and those who wish to immerse themselves in daily practice for shorter-term stays. Since the inception of our plan to renovate the Hermitage for large meeting places, housing, and kitchen space, new opportunities to purchase and renovate nearby buildings have arisen and need to be explored. A committee is being formed to examine these opportunities and we need to continue to raise the funds necessary for this expansion.

We have been fortunate to have students very committed to the dharma in our Maitreya Buddhist Seminary program and our Dharma Guardian and Dharma Worker programs. This past year the temple **has supported one fulltime training student**. We have also provided **scholarships for peace campers**. Your support is requested to continue to augment our scholarship fund.

Our maintenance fund from last year's appeal has been used to install infrared heating and a renewable cork floor in our third floor yoga room. Our temple dining room has been transformed to accommodate more people who are increasingly present for activities. We have fixed roof leaks and patched plaster, but we still need to replace our 25 year old cedar fence, purchase a gas stove to replace the wood stove which was removed from the Sangha Hall as required by our insurance carrier, and organize more residential space in our existing buildings. **Upkeep and maintenance is never-ending in old buildings, and our heating and electric bills continue to rise**

Your generous financial support will be very much appreciated for expansion, scholarships & maintenance as we offer the buddhadharma in these challenging times. All donations are tax deductible. Thank you for your contributions, and for all that you do on behalf of the Temple and your sangha family.

Gratefully, with a deep bow,

Haju Sunim

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