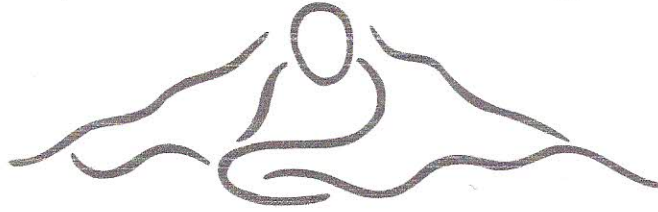


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We Need Your Help

Dear Friend in the Dharma,

The Mountain Hermitage needs your help. We are facing an unprecedented financial shortfall that might well compromise our ability to offer our full schedule of retreats this year and in 2017.

** For the first time, our annual spring retreat, the mainstay of our retreat offerings, suffered a critical loss of about \$11,000 due to late cancellations and a non-refundable facility deposit, which has severely impacted our modest budget for the balance of the year.

** What's more, the upcoming Vivekananda retreat, full with a wait list as it has always been, has also suffered from late cancellations, and wait list retreatants unable to accept an opening for a long retreat at short notice.

As a result, that \$11,000 shortfall may well grow significantly.

As you know, we continue to operate, as we have for twelve years, on an efficient, lean budget that provides for a good measure of scholarship aid as well as supporting our modest administrative costs.

While we are now challenged for funding, we know we are rich in the generosity of friends in the dharma like you, willing to transform your personal commitment to the dharma to the generous support foundational to the life and work of *The Mountain Hermitage*.

On behalf of the many practitioners for whom a *Hermitage* retreat has been the inspiration for enhanced growth, transformative insight, and good work in the world, and all of us who care deeply about all we can offer and accomplish together, please send a generous helping gift as soon as you can.

Thank you in advance for your help.

With gratitude and metta,

Marcia Rose, Guiding Teacher

P.S. We have kept the faith for twelve years now, weathering downturns, and celebrating the successes we measure wholly by the enriched lives of those we are grateful to serve.

Thank you again for your prompt response.