

# The Mountain Hermitage



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Dear Friend in the Dharma,

I hope this letter finds you well and at peace in this strange new world where we find ourselves. This “strangeness” seemed to come upon us so quickly, yet its characteristics were familiar to us from the Dharma: Impermanence swiveled our way of life with sudden, overarching changes. Suffering, from illness, financial insecurity, and racism, inundated our heart-mind. And absence of self ensured that we understood that we were all in this together, not separate from anyone, anywhere in the world in our vulnerableness. The teachings of the Buddha have awakened our compassion, given us solace, and strengthened our faith and hope that we can help make a better world out of all this uncertainty, pain, and sense of interconnectedness.

The Mountain Hermitage, through online technology, has used its resources to support and guide you in your home during this time. We’ve had two full online retreats, with Brian Lesage in April and Ariya Baumann in July. There will be an online half-day POC retreat with Kamala Masters & DaRa Williams in October and I will offer an online 5-day Concentration retreat in November.

I led international Sunday meditation sits and reflections from April through August, all of which were recorded and made available on the Mountain Hermitage website. Our website ([www.mountainhermitage.org](http://www.mountainhermitage.org)) has an extensive list of Dharma talks and Guided Meditations to be used freely.

On another happy note, in the spring of 2021 we will have a special event online, with guest teachers and friends, to celebrate my 80th birthday. You will receive an invitation for this celebration early next year.

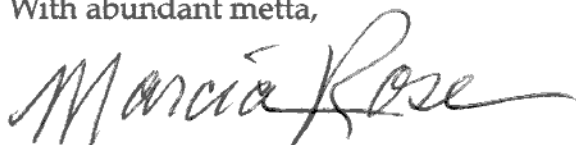
The Mountain Hermitage is here for you during this challenging time, and we need you to be here for us too. Like all organizations now, we feel the financial stress. Please help us to continue our work for you by contributing whatever you can to our Fall Fundraising Campaign. Each tax-deductible dollar you give brings The Mountain Hermitage closer to transforming and enacting our mission in ever-expanding ways.

Simply return the Donor Reply with your check or money order in the envelope provided. If you choose to give by credit card, please go to our website at [www.mountainhermitage.org](http://www.mountainhermitage.org) and click on the How You Can Help menu item. The website also offers a preview of our 2021 retreats.

You will also be able to offer a gift through your credit card via Network for Good, which offers options for supporting our scholarship fund, teacher fund, and general operating costs on a one time or monthly giving basis.

With a deep bow of gratitude for your support. May you be very well and happy.

With abundant metta,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marcia Rose". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Marcia Rose

The Mountain Hermitage Founder & Guiding Teacher