

# Compassionate Ocean Zen Center

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Dear Friend,

As a turbulent year comes to a close, we find ourselves at a moment of reflection, much like the stillness that arises in meditation. If we were to reflect upon what Compassionate Ocean means to us, what would we see?

Maybe it is a sense of gratitude that such a place exists as part of our lives, a place where we are supported in our deep desire to cultivate wisdom and compassion. Maybe it is the memory of a particular class or a particular talk that lifted us in a time of real need. Maybe it is the way Compassionate Ocean's activities have enriched the life of someone close to us. Whatever your experience, we trust that it has been one you value for its impact and uniqueness.

**As we look ahead to the coming year, we invite you to join in sustaining this precious place of practice.** Your generosity makes it possible for Compassionate Ocean to continue offering classes, meditation sessions, Dharma talks, retreats, and community events that benefit all who cultivate the path of awakening.

At this time, would you make a donation to sustain Compassionate Ocean's offerings? Whether you are new to the community or have been part of Compassionate Ocean for many years, your support is truly important.

Our goal for this Year-End Appeal is \$30,000, a little more than we received last year. This year-end fundraising represents about a quarter of our total income for the year, and it is vitally important for the financial strength of our Center.

No contribution is too small, and every donation is deeply appreciated. **Generosity is the lifeblood of our Zen Center, and your generosity will make it possible to continue sharing the profound benefits of mindfulness and meditation with all who seek it.**

Thank you for being a part of our community and for your ongoing support!

With deep gratitude,



Ramona Advani  
Co-Chairs, Board of Directors



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