

# 2024 Spring Appeal

Dear Friend,

Spring finally has arrived! The trees are blossoming, cool mornings are giving way to warm afternoons, and the world feels fresh and vibrant after a mild but wearing winter. In the spirit of the season, we reflect on the growth and renewal that occurs within our own hearts and minds through the practice of Zen, and we reach out to you, our cherished community, seeking your support of Compassionate Ocean Zen Center.

**Your continued support** is the lifeblood of our small Zen Center. It allows us to maintain our tranquil meditation space, offer teachings and guidance from experienced practitioners, and create a welcoming environment for practitioners of all ages, ethnicities, genders, orientations, economic backgrounds, and abilities.

**Every contribution, no matter the size, plays a vital role in sustaining our Center.** The funds raised through this appeal will directly contribute to the support for our guiding teachers, administrative help, program expenses, and building costs.

## How You Can Make a Difference:

- **Donate:** Your one-time or recurring donation helps us continue our vital work.
- **Spread the Word:** Share your love for Compassionate Ocean with friends, family and colleagues who may benefit from our offerings.
- **Monthly Pledge:** Consider becoming a sustaining member by pledging a monthly donation. Your ongoing support provides stability and ensures long-term success for our Center.
- **Volunteer:** Offer your time and skills to support our community events, maintenance tasks, or outreach efforts.

With your generous support, we will continue to work hard to make Compassionate Ocean a broad-minded and openhearted community, practicing in the Buddhist tradition, focused on the central activity of awakening and transforming suffering.

**Thank you** for being a part of the Compassionate Ocean community.

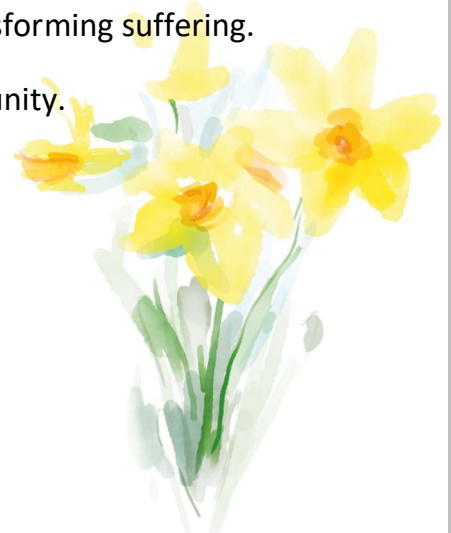
Deep bows of gratitude,



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