

# Midyear Appeal Letter

Dear Friend,

Another spring is awakening. Let's pause and appreciate nature's bounty—a burst of colorful flowers; the verdant smell of a spring rain; birdsong on a quiet morning. This moment's connection is a refuge in the midst of the difficult times we are living through, here in Minneapolis, and on a planet that is torn by violence, a rapidly changing climate, and widespread inequity. And we face our own individual challenges of illness, infirmity, and loss. May we have compassion for all beings.

**Compassionate Ocean exists to help all by sharing the wisdom of Buddhist teaching, by giving us a peaceful place to practice together, and by fostering a community of support.**

An important challenge Compassionate Ocean faces is to provide the financial foundation necessary to sustain our Center. This includes support for our teachers and part-time administrator, building maintenance, and the many other expenses required to offer the classes and programs that support our community.

The vast majority of the Center's income comes from contributions. At this time, **we ask that you consider making a donation**, joining with many others who together carry our Center forward. Your gift will make it possible for Compassionate Ocean to continue offering its teachings of upright action, mindfulness, and compassion.

Thank you for considering making a financial contribution, and for your support of Compassionate Ocean. May we all be Filled with mindful awareness and loving kindness.

With deep gratitude,

*Lisa Ben*

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Board Co-Chairs

