

Tuesday, November 14

Dear Friends,

We'll meet at our regular 7-9 time this Tuesday evening at St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

In that this is the evening of our annual fundraiser, the format will be a little different than our usual format. We'll open as we usually do with the refuge chant and a reading. There will then be about a 30 minute period of silent sitting meditation. At that point, I'll give a talk entitled *Waking Up Together*.

I'll end the talk at 8:30 and I'll then invite people who want to support our community financially to browse the new and used dharma books, CDs, and calendars that have been donated to us for this event. New items will be sold at approximately one half of their retail price and used items will be sold at approximately one quarter of their retail price. (I've once again included the event details below for those people who joined our email list during the past week.)

In addition, we'll be having a "clearance sale" of our in-house CDs of dharma talks, i.e. talks that I've given and those that have been given by our guest speakers. All of these CDs will be available for \$2 each.

This clearance process is in preparation for a change in the way we will be handling recorded talks. In the near future, the talks that I've offered and will continue to offer will be available on a website that was funded by a generous donor (<http://www.davidchernikoff.com>.) There's still some work to do on this website before the talks will be accessible so I'll send an email when the work is complete. Talks given by guest speakers will be posted on our sangha website, <http://www.insightcolorado.org>. As some of you know, there are already a number of these talks available on the IMCC website under the heading "Resources". Those of you who want to listen to talks on your computer or mobile device will be able to do so. Since the CDs have been a small yet very helpful stream of income for our practice community, we're inviting those of you who find the talks helpful to consider offering dana when you stream or download them. The talks are being freely offered so donations are encouraged yet not required.

At our recent service committee meeting, we discussed this transition from CDs to a digital format and we recognized that there are some people who prefer to hear the talks on CDs. Our plan in that regard is to make the talks available on a "by request" basis. In other words, we're going to discontinue *stocking* CDs of the talks that are given on Tuesday nights. However, if you hear a talk and you'd like a copy of that particular talk on CD or you miss a talk that you'd like to hear on CD, Myrna Castaline, our service committee person in charge of CDs, will take your name and contact information, collect any dana you want to offer, and notify you when we've made you a copy of the talk you requested.

One last thought regarding this fundraiser. This is the one time of the year when we discuss the financial needs of our practice community in more detail than simply mentioning the dana basket. As I mentioned in the 10/29 email I sent out describing the upcoming Tuesday night gathering, the weekly *dana* that we collect is very helpful and yet not sufficient to cover all of our expenses. If you're *not* interested in more books, CDs, or a calendar and you'd still like to help with our finances, I invite you to

consider making an extra donation at this one time of the year. Whatever amount feels appropriate in your particular circumstance will be deeply appreciated. IMCC is a 501c3 nonprofit organization so your donations are tax-deductible. We will have tax deduction slips available for those who request them.

Please note that we are not able to accept credit cards for purchases or donations. Please make your purchases and donations in the form of cash or check. Checks should be made out to "IMCC" (which is a lot easier to write than "Insight Meditation Community of Colorado.";-)

Annual Fall Fundraiser—November 14th

I want to mention that the service committee has been planning our sangha's fall fundraiser. This year's annual fundraiser will be held at our Tuesday night gathering on November 14th. On that evening, there will be an abbreviated period of sitting meditation, a dharma talk, and then time for people to browse the offerings we'll have displayed around the perimeter of the room. We'll be selling a variety of new books and CDs that have been donated by Sounds True, Shambhala Books, Wisdom Publications, Parallax Press, and other publishers. We'll also once again have a selection of Buddhist calendars that have been donated by Amber Lotus.

In addition to the *new* books and CDs we'll be selling, we would once again like to collect gently used dharma books and CDs from those of you who would like to support our practice community by donating items for use in this fundraiser. All new and used items will be sold at prices that are significantly lower than regular retail or used book prices. At our Tuesday night gatherings on **October 31st** and **November 7th**, we'll have some boxes available that we'll use to collect and organize these donations. If you have materials you'd like to donate and you're not able to drop them off on 10/31 or 11/7, please send me an email and we'll arrange another way for you to contribute your items.

The purpose of the fundraiser is to supplement our finances so we can cover all the expenses of our practice community. While the *dana* (donated money) that is offered each week covers most of our basic costs, it doesn't cover them completely. Our expenses include rent for the room, compensation for our speakers, a small stipend that I receive each month for administrative work, purchasing and maintaining sound and recording equipment, periodic DVD rentals and purchases, photocopying, and miscellaneous other costs. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the finances of our practice community. If you know of family members or friends who would be interested in our November 14th fundraiser, please encourage them to stop by that night. Also, it would be great if you would help us to spread the word about this event to your various networks and communities.

Peace and Blessings,
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ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

4215 GRINNELL AVE. (at the corner of Grinnell and Gillaspie, near Table Mesa and South Broadway)

MEETING TIME: 7:00 - 9:00 pm on Tuesday nights

Directions to St. Paul's United Methodist Church at 4215 Grinnell Ave: Take Broadway to Table Mesa and turn West (toward NCAR and the mountains). Get in the left lane and go a short distance to the 2nd left turn, which puts you on Gillaspie (just past King Soopers on the left). Continue south through a residential neighborhood for .6 mile and the church will be on the left on the NE corner of Gillaspie and Grinnell. (The entrance to the parking lot is on your left just *before* you reach Grinnell so it's easy to drive past the church. If you come to a large grassy playing field next to the South Boulder Rec Center, you've gone too far.)