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*please help us take the first step on the path
toward the dream of a more
compassionate and inclusive future*

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Greetings,

EVERY path begins with a first step.

As the new year approaches, we take time for reflection, renewal and the planting of new seeds. In this season of giving, we would like your help to begin the journey toward a collectively held dream.

On Martin Luther King Jr Day, January 19th, we will host an Open House and fundraiser to lay the groundwork for an accessible, community-based space in which people can discover, establish and deepen practice of the dharma. It is our heartfelt intention to specifically reach out to the under-served people of color and activist communities. All are welcome.

Rooted in contemplative wisdom traditions and grounded in the awakened compassion of the nonviolent *bodhisattva* path, we'll begin with regular meditation for adults and children, new and seasoned practitioners, alike. Presentations by guest teachers, yoga, practical workshops and open events like Sunday Dharma Brunches will encourage and support integration of mind, body, spirit AND community. This long anticipated space will be directed by teacher, author and **urbanPEACE** founder, angel Kyodo williams. Honoring the journey toward authentic, universal truth, "*dharma*," it will be called New Dharma Center (NDC).

For the next six months, this dream will incubate in a small house in Emeryville, CA, conveniently nestled between Berkeley and Oakland. An exploratory period will allow us to learn from direct experience, rather than speculation, what the needs of the community we hope to serve really are.

The very existence of a space for people that have felt outside of dharma practice will be empowering. **The ripple effect will be national.** We need \$7500 to plant this seed. Your tax-deductible contribution will help to underwrite the cost of the Open House and to purchase basic practice supplies so we can get started immediately (see attached).

The New Dharma Center Open House will:

- ✓ raise awareness about NDC and invite participation and support
- ✓ be a fundraiser for ongoing costs to maintain NDC
- ✓ feature an exhibit of **pilgrImage...images for the journey** original photographic works by angel Kyodo Williams to be made available for both purchase and online auction

We hope you will consider becoming an underwriter for this first significant step toward the dream of a New Dharma Center by writing a check made out to **urbanPEACE/WBMW** today. Any amount you can give will help and is an investment in a more compassionate, more inclusive future. For your contribution of \$1000, you'll receive a signed and numbered print from the **pilgrImage** collection. Please walk with us.

We look forward to seeing you on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day for the Open House.

In peace & with warmest blessings,

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**NEW DHARMA CENTER
OPEN HOUSE & FUNDRAISER BUDGET**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Event Supplies & Materials	
Food & Beverage	750
Photo Printing & Matting	2200
Printing & Mailing	400
Online/Auction Fees	350
Basic Practice Supplies	
Bells & Altar	1500
15 Sitting Cushions	460
15 Sitting Mats	560
10 Backjacks	350
10 Yoga Mats	150
Miscellaneous	300
Administrative Fees (8%)	560
Total	\$7,580

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