

*Dear Friends,*

John Main's gift to us is his rediscovery of Christian meditation. We all experience its depth and richness. The experience is enhanced when we meet together in meditation groups and at events to meditate together.



John Main understood that the experience of meditation is not fully achieved alone, but in community. He envisioned the meditation community as a community of love, and wrote a book with that title.

That we Christian meditators are a community of love was brought home to me this year when I attended the John Main Seminar in Squamish, Canada, and our US National Retreat and Conference recently in Phoenix. Being with meditators from all around the country, in Phoenix, and all around the world, in Squamish, made evident our community of love in several ways. Our hosts were welcoming and loving. They created an atmosphere where we could gather comfortably, meditate, listen to talks and have free time to meet others.

Even if you did not attend either of these events, you were part of this community of love by being a member of the WCCM community. You were an even bigger part of this community of love if you made a donation to WCCM-USA. Because, through your generosity WCCM-USA was able to sponsor meditators from other parts of the world, and a US seminarian, who could not otherwise afford to attend the John Main Seminar. You also supported US members who needed some financial help to attend the National Retreat.

Compassion and love are natural outgrowths of our Christian meditation practice. WCCM-USA hopes to continue to show

our community's love and compassion in the future. To do so, we rely on your support and generosity. We are blessed to have many WCCM members; people like you who attend meditation groups. Only a very small percentage of our members, however, make a donation to WCCM-USA. While we appreciate large donations, they are not necessary for us to fulfill our mission. If every member made even a small donation, we would have the funds we need to function and support Christian meditation activities.

Our 2018 profit and loss statement is posted on our WCCM-USA website. It shows generous support for Bonnevaux, the amount of our other donations and how that money was spent. It also shows that we operated at a loss, which will not allow us to continue for long to sponsor those who need help, or assist our fellow meditators in Venezuela suffering through terrible political and social oppression, or sponsor events, like the Phoenix National Retreat.

WCCM gives its teachings and support materials without charge. Our group leaders and other representatives are volunteers and I want to personally thank all of them for their service. Please consider what WCCM means to you and acknowledge that value by making a donation in whatever amount you are comfortable donating. Your support will allow us to continue to grow and nourish this community of love and bring its comfort to a world that desperately needs it.

With Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

WCCM-USA National Coordinator

# What it means to be a Friend of WCCM-USA

While it costs nothing to meditate, it does cost money to create materials and opportunities to teach meditation and to provide an operational foundation for the Community.

Our **Friends** provide the support WCCM-USA needs to share the gift in the US and help us develop, nurture and assist new and emerging communities with limited resources. They also help the US provide critical support for the work of the International Office in London, the John Main Center at Georgetown University and the Meditation Center in Neptune Beach, FL.

When you send a contribution you become an **Individual Friend**. Or, you can choose to be a **Group Friend** by contributing jointly with your meditation group. If you want to make an ongoing investment in the future of WCCM-USA, you can become a **Sustaining Friend** and contribute \$500 a year or more for five years. Whatever you give, no matter how small, makes a big difference.

You can also make a **Legacy Gift** by remembering WCCM-USA in your will. For more information, go to [wccm-usa.org/support-our-work](http://wccm-usa.org/support-our-work).



I am very happy to support this annual appeal for the work of WCCM-USA. As with the Community generally, the mission in the US is carried on by an amazing group of gifted and self-giving volunteers. But funds are necessary for basic organisational needs, to develop new initiatives to share the gift of meditation and to give support to those of lesser means to attend events. This is why your annual support is so necessary. Thank you for your generosity.

*Lawrence*



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