

Praise be to God, the Father
of compassion and the God
of all comfort...



...who comforts us in all our troubles.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4





Dear Friends,

Some say that autumn is the season of turning to the west and toward the dying sun, the season of letting go, of unknowing and mystery. This could not be more true than right now, given the past seven months. It's been a season of planetary upheaval. After the shock of realizing that life is changing rapidly, I slowly began to find two places of comfort in the midst of the upheaval: Nature and meditation practice.

Nature provides wisdom and guidance of the seasons; it soothes and heals and puts our senses in order. Meditation practice teaches ever so slowly that we deeply belong We belong to Earth, to one another and to the Divine. For the gift of Earth and for the "pearl of great price" through the teachings of John Main and Laurence Freeman, I am deeply grateful.

Like many other organizations, we have implemented recommended safety practices and changed the manner in which we connect within the WCCM community to virtual participation: weekly zoom meditation groups, an on-line retreat, a community day, and programs offered by Bonnevaux Centre for Peace and the John Main Seminar.

We invite you to view the summary of our 2019 financial information posted on the WCCM-USA website. To access follow the link at the bottom of the "About Us" page. WCCM-USA used your donations to support John Main's teachings in important ways. Members of the WCCM community from the US and other parts of the world were able to attend the John Main Seminar in Vancouver, B.C. and other WCCM events through registration and travel scholarships which WCCM-USA provided. We financed our members in need with more than

\$22,000 to fund their attendance at WCCM events. WCCM-USA also provided funds to our Mexican community to help them organize the John Main Seminar held in October 2020. The event was a tremendous success and the US community is proud that we were able to contribute in a small way.

These efforts to support our community and our donations to WCCM International help to advance the mission of WCCM, to share the teachings of Fr. John Main. We're asking for your help to continue our support of this mission. WCCM-USA incurred a deficit of approximately \$45,000 while depleting our reserve funds.

As the pandemic in 2020 has eliminated a number of in-person events, we continue to support WCCM International and its efforts to bring events and teachings online. We still need your donations to reduce our deficit, to replenish our reserve funds and to continue WCCM's online activities.

Our heartfelt gratitude to all who have supported WCCM by volunteering, donating, and participating in events and for your faithfulness to our daily and weekly meditation practice. We understand that many of you are also facing challenges, uncertainty, loss and disruptions in your lives. So, if possible, your continued financial support of our programs is deeply appreciated.



May you find comfort in these times.

Sr. Cynthia Corniskey, CSJ

Member of WCCM-USA
Executive Committee

Comfort may be found...



WCCM-USA zoom groups meet weekly.

"Being able to let go of one thing, the nest, opened a new and exciting world for our group."

Carl Villella, PA



Bonnevaux Centre for Peace:

"The Bonnevaux online events and postings to the world have enabled us in this country to experience these difficult times in a more hopeful and real way. As a result we are evolving better in-reach and outreach while rediscovering how we can live in compassion and wisdom."

Linda Schmalstieg, TX



Houston Community Day

"Thirty-eight of us gathered over zoom. The pandemic limits us in some ways but has opened many doors in others...it was a joyful community celebration."

Patrick King, TX

...in different ways and places



Sources of Wisdom: Silent Online Retreat

"The retreat inspired me to work toward a more structured daily spiritual life and most of all affirmed the beauty and blessings of the WCCM community."

Nona Lehmkuhle, MI



John Main Seminar 2020 *Indigenous Wisdom: One Heart, One Hope*

"The work of love that was shared through the time we spent organizing the JMS was a gift that shone through the conferences."

Enrique Lavin, Mexico JMS2020
Coordinator



WCCM-USA Website

"Nurturing 50+ US groups onto Zoom, and a refreshed US website support our contemplative community in a changing world."

Lucy Beck, VT

Our Mission

To communicate and nurture meditation as passed on through the teaching of John Main OSB in the spirit of serving the unity of all.

Ways to Support 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 donors provide the support WCCM-USA needs for sharing the gift in the US. You help us develop, nurture and assist new and emerging communities who have limited resources. You also help the US provide critical support for the work of the International Office in London, the John Main Center at Georgetown University, the Meditation Center in Neptune Beach, FL, as well as the Bonnevaux Centre for Peace.

Support for WCCM-USA can take many forms. We are grateful for your time, your expertise, your commitment and your monetary gifts.. You can give cash donations, stocks and bonds, and even legacy gifts through your will or trust. For more information, go to <https://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



Annual Appeal

The World Community for Christian Meditation USA

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