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Dear Friends,

We hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. As for Dai Bosatsu Zendo, we are all well and are doing the nineteenth Kessei. On July 4th, 1986, with the completion of the twentieth Kessei, our Dai Bosatsu Zendo will have been with us for a full decade.

We are now thinking how to sustain the practice that has taken one decade to establish. After much consideration about what has happened and what is likely to happen in the future, we decided to print the enclosed brochure in order to share with you what we have in mind.

There are three points:

- 1) To establish Dai Bosatsu Sustaining and Supporting Memberships.
- 2) To celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of Dai Bosatsu Zendo and to publish the Soen Roku.
- 3) To renovate the present Guest House and to incorporate the Mountain Inn and Culture Center.

If the 20th Century may be called the century of atomic energy, we can't but predict that the 21st Century, which is only 15 years away, will be the century of religion and spirituality. It would simply be impossible to establish Dai Bosatsu Zendo now instead of 10 years ago. The next decade and a half is the period in which we will endeavor to maintain this vital tradition, to give it a chance to be assimilated into the life and culture of America, so as to be ready for the next century.

Please, think of the existence of Dai Bosatsu in this large historical context, this broader vista; and consider it as your own zendo, where you can come for kesseis, sesshins, workshops and interim stays. Dai Bosatsu Zendo is a beautiful place, there is no place like Dai Bosatsu. Let's help it continue.

Gassho



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