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Dear Friends,

I hope you are all well as spring moves in early! Our Transmission plum is already blooming. Traditionally, it's the first tree in China and Japan to bloom. It doesn't look like it will have to brave snow this year. Our native Indian Plum is not far behind in blossoming.

Thank you to everyone for all your help in sustaining the temple while I was away visiting family in Arkansas and Pine Mountain Buddhist Temple in southern California. It was good to visit my aging parents and to spend time and rest with other monks. I never fail to learn from other monks, regardless of whichever temple I'm in.

Attached are the **calendars** for February and March. We'll add in Dharma school one Sunday once we coordinate a date with the parents. **Wesak**, the Festival of the Buddha's Birth, will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 16**, so mark your calendars for this most important day of the Buddhist year.

On February 27 we have our annual **February members meeting**. We will announce the time once we've consulted with folks about what works best for you.

Margaret Hubbard (6862046) is the **Lay Sangha Care Coordinator** for February.

**In gratitude:** The temple received, as usual, an ample supply of food this winter, and both the cats and I are grateful for prescriptions and supplements. We thank you for all your care and support, especially given the loss that many of you experienced last year when the economy crashed. Coastal Farm & Ranch Supply kindly rebated the temple \$100 on our orchard ladder purchase, and Wade Anderson of Alliance Physical Therapy has been generously providing ongoing physical therapy & consultation. We also received a set of carved wooden heads of the main characters from the allegorical Chinese Buddhist folktale Monkey. Both they and a beautiful repoussé of the four characters are now displayed in the vestry. On a personal note, thank you for the Enlightenment Day gifts last December: a bathrobe, socks, undershirts, a RosettaStone Chinese language program, a Sanskrit-Chinese-Thai-English dictionary, and a generous cash gift for personal needs. I am always touched by your thoughtfulness and kindness.

**Alms Bowl:** The temple could still make good use of a 2 gallon air compressor. Ongoing food needs include bread, soy products (tempeh & tofu), dairy products (milk, cheese, cottage cheese, kefir, etc.) and fresh produce. If someone would like to volunteer to purchase tofu & tempeh twice a month at Surata Soyfoods downtown, please let us know. We would also welcome articles, poems, photos or other material for the Priory newsletter.

**Orientation Dates for rest of 2010:** March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 10, August 7, September 4, October 9, November 13, and December 11. Thank you to all who help with the orientations.

**Carpooling** or if you need a ride: meet at the parking lot on south side of South Hills Physical Therapy Clinic at 4175 East Amazon at 9:10am on Sundays. The LTD 25 bus stops there.

May you all be well, happy, safe & secure, and make quick progress on the road to Enlightenment.

Yours in the Dharma,

**Rev. Oswin**

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