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Dear Friends,

I trust you are all well. Thank you to everyone who helped make Rev. Oriana's stay as acting prior a beneficial and pleasant one. She enjoyed being here.

Attached is a calendar for August. In **August orientation** for newcomers will be Saturday, August 7 and **Dharma school** will be Sunday, August 8. Our front porch improvements are nearing completion, and we'll be scheduling **workdays on Saturdays to paint**. We'll email folks the dates and times once they are established. These workdays are an opportunity to contribute our labor to the temple and spend time training informally with the sangha. We need everyone's help to finish the work in a timely fashion, so please do come, even if it's only for a short while. If you can't paint, there's other work as well.

We'll send out the September calendar closer to time. In **September** I will be away for most of three weeks attending an Order-wide Rules Conclave at Shasta Abbey. Every ten years all the senior monks of the Order convene to go over the rules and consider changes and additions. In **September** the **newcomers' orientation** will be on Saturday, September 4 and **Dharma school** will be on Sunday, September 12. The schedule will run as usual, with lay ministers coordinating Sunday and Wednesday activities, and John overseeing the daily schedule.

Attached are a short piece I wrote for the "From Heart to Heart" column for the daily *Eugene Register Guard*, as well as an article by one of our members. We encourage and welcome submissions by everyone. Don't underestimate your insight and contribution.

Please take care.

In gassho, *Rev. Oswin*