

Dear (First Name),

This past weekend our Core Council, Practitioner Council and key members of our Staff gathered for a retreat to review the well being of our Community. It was a powerful weekend of deeply committed Members. And we're thrilled to report that so much GOOD is occurring!

On Sunday our Core Council followed that retreat with a financial update, #Driveto75. We made a specific request that ***the Community join us in prayer and action towards manifesting \$75,000 within two weeks to meet our current financial commitments - you can contribute towards that by visiting our [web site](#) or texting [BodhiChicago](#) to 77977.*** We're very grateful for the Community Members that gave above and beyond their current giving practice on Sunday. It all adds up!

Over the last few months we have had significant financial changes that require our ***shared and swift attention***: 1) our revenue in 2015 is \$30,000 less than budgeted; 2) we have incurred over \$40,000 in expenditures related to our dispute with the United Church of Christ regarding our tenant and purchase rights. (For more information please read our [Building Update Letter](#).)

In order to meet our current financial commitments, maintain legal representation and restore our reserves ***we are holding in prayer that \$75,000 of income is received by Bodhi Spiritual Center on or before August 31, 2015.***  
**#Driveto75**

Thus far our 10 Core Council members have personally given \$20,300 of that \$75,000. The monies given by the Core Council are above and beyond their current and regular practice of financial giving to Bodhi. We ask that you consider making a special gift by Monday, August 31, 2015. Your contribution towards #Driveto75 will enable us to continue our great work of Sunday Celebration Services, Small Group Life, Spiritual Education and Youth & Family Ministry in a healthy and sustainable way.

You can give easily and quickly by visiting our [web site](#) or texting [BodhiChicago](#) to 77977.

In addition to any financial gift you are able to make, we would like you to join us for ***a very important Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> in the Sanctuary at 11:30a, to discuss our home and plans for the future.*** Your participation and input as a member of this community is invaluable to us.

We thank you for your ***additional*** financial giving. We absolutely know that with the support of our friends and members, this prayer is already fulfilled.

With great gratitude,

Your Core Council

Patrick Jean-Baptiste (President)

Jonathan Hoffman (Vice President)

Jim Atkinson (Treasurer)

Denise Maple (Secretary)

Rev. Lola P. Wright (Spiritual Director)

Gina Harris, LSP (Member at Large)

Pat Levy (Member at Large)

Eileen Rhodes (Member at Large)

Scott Schoettes (Member at Large)

Rob Wozniak (Member at Large)