



September 9, 2005

Dear Basic Course Graduates and Friends,

On behalf of the Massachusetts Group, The Millers River Educational Cooperative (MREC), I am writing to ask for your good will, your participation, and your financial support in preparing a facility for a residential course in September 2006.

More than 30 years ago JG Bennett articulated a vision for a new Society. He saw that we are living through a special time in history – the transition to a new Epoch characterized by cooperation with higher intelligence. The residential courses he initiated presented a way of living that helps us to free ourselves from the dying epoch and to contribute to this new one.

There are a thousand of us who have been 'through' a Basic Course. Most of us would say it was a life-transforming event that still resonates in us today. A renewed hunger for this help and depth of work has emerged. There are candidates, in many countries, who are already asking: "Where can I go to have the intensive, extended period of work and training that you had?" Many are working in groups.

Months ago George Bennett, Walter Goodwin and Elan Sicroff (the initiators) sent out a worldwide invitation to join with them in responding to this need. A group of 30 attendees agreed to offer a nine-month course of study that would begin in September 2006. That meeting also accepted The MREC's offer to provide a facility for the program at its property in Royalston, Massachusetts.

The MREC agreed to host and to make improvements to the property so that there is an adequate and legal facility. We were told that other locations were considered and MREC's offer was the most suitable choice.

The property, known as 'Camp Caravan', is a fifty-acre site that had been a summer camp for handicapped children. Significant improvements are necessary. Many of the buildings need renovation in order to meet building codes for the new use. A new septic system is required to accommodate the larger number of people. It will take roughly \$600,000 and the labor of many people, with many skills, to complete the work. Your participation and your money are critically needed. September 2006 is just a year away.

It goes without saying that we have put ourselves in very 'deep galoshes' and that we are asking you to step into them with us. But we know that is what it takes and that none of us can meet this greater need alone.

Any skills you have, any time you can give, any amount you can donate will make a difference to the effort. Your involvement will be appreciated. We invite your participation, your questions, and your good wishes. Come and visit, come and work - our group will be very pleased to host you.

Those of us who are already working on this project see how important it is to repay what we received from Mr. Bennett (and others). We see the value of continuing this line of Work into the future. There is an old Chinese curse: "May you live in interesting times." We are living in interesting times and difficult times. This is precisely when the Fourth Way is most needed. It prepares people who can contribute to the great transition that we are currently living through. We hope you will join with us in working to make that possible.

Tax-deductible donations can be made through the JGB Foundation, c/o Bob Gerber, Treasurer at 157 Riverside Avenue, Westport, Connecticut 06880.

With good will and good wishes,

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