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Dear Members and Friends of the Institute of World Culture,

We want to thank you for your general support of our lifelong learning community including attendance at our events, donations, and volunteering. We have had some marvelous educational programs this year under the general theme of “Creating a Culture of Conscience”. These programs have included “Toward a Global Ethic;” “From Fear into Love;” “Compassionate, Community-Based Approaches to Reducing Homelessness;” a Founder’s Day talk on William Penn; “Exploring Astronomy’s Frontiers;” and a live performance, “The Classical Music of India: The Mathematics Behind the Sound.” These and other presentations can be viewed on our IWC YouTube Channel (www.youtube.com/@IWCinSantaBarbara/streams). You can also follow us on Facebook. We live stream presentations whenever possible. We also have a very vibrant Tuesday evening Study Circle in person and on Zoom with international participation. For all updates, see our website (www.worldculture.org).

We ask you for your continuing support for our educational efforts. Next year’s theme, our 49th, will be **Concord and Community**. This theme flows through and interweaves the Institute’s ten aims in its *Declaration of Interdependence*, pointing us to increased mutual understanding and non-violent social cooperation. We will begin January 2025 with a forum on “Concord and Community” and later in the month, the Institute will host a live performance of the UCSB Middle East Ensemble.

What are your suggestions for other programs illustrating and implementing our theme for the coming year? Please send your educational program suggestions to gerry@worldculture.org or mail them to the Institute (address above) by December 16th. For example, one can suggest talks, forums, interviews, panel discussions, films, art, craftmaking, and dance programs.

We do need your financial support as well. Added insurance, maintenance, and accounting system costs have increased our budget putting our current goal at \$45,000. To keep up with needed functionality, we are poised to update our website. Please assist us. Any donation is welcome including a membership*; both are tax deductible. You may send your contribution in by mail or donate via credit card or PayPal by clicking the **Donate** button at <http://www.worldculture.org>. For an endowment or special gift, please contact Donna@worldculture.org.

On behalf of all our members, we wish to express our sincere thanks to Dr. Carolyn Dorrance for serving as President for twenty-two years. She continues to share her wisdom with us as Vice-President on the Board of Directors.

With great appreciation for your support,

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Student Membership: \$15 annually
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