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Dear Members and Friends,

Our recent move has left little time to publish a newsletter recently. However, we wanted to let you know what we've been up to lately and ask for your continued support.

We moved into the new house on November 1. The new zendo is quiet and sunny. It seats nine to twelve people comfortably, and it will seat two or three more when curtains are made and hung. The dining room serves as a class, meeting and breakfast place, and as the Akiyamas' living room. The kitchen is large enough for both the Akiyamas and the Center to use. In addition, there is space in closets and basement for storing altar things, oryoki, sewing materials and other items. Our library has space in the entry hall and is now available to members again. Finally, there are ample accommodations for visitors during sesshins and at other times.

Much time and effort has gone into making needed repairs and renovations. We have painted the downstairs, cleaned out the basement, fixed the water heater, pulled out weeds, and done a variety of other chores to make the place liveable. A number of things also remain to be done - repairing the hot water in the bathroom, finishing the painting, making curtains for the zendo entrances, completing winterization and many other smaller projects. If you would like to contribute some time and/or expertise to this work, please call the Center at the number above or talk to Mike Posnanski at 342-3495.

The house purchase and the move have meant extra expenses for legal fees, utility connection fees, paint and other supplies. Because of these, our finances are very tight at the moment. In addition, we would like to begin a fund to provide for the maintenance of the house. Thus, any contribution you could make toward these would be very much appreciated. Your donation would help maintain the zendo and the sitting, work and teaching activities that support and foster Zen practice in Milwaukee.

In Gassho,

Milwaukee Zen Center