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Dear Members and Friends,

The Institute of World Culture wishes you a joyful, contented holiday season. At IWC, 2025 has been a full year. In line with our theme of “Concord and Community”, IWC offered educational activities that brought us together globally and locally. Many of these presentations are on IWC’s YouTube channel, and a refreshed IWC web site is currently under development to better support these activities! We also inaugurated a well-attended experiment with a Monday evening “Salon Series” of forums in the spirit of lifelong learning with our local community.

Next year, the IWC will celebrate its 50th anniversary. Our theme for 2026 will be “Awakening to Interdependence”. We are grateful to our Founders Raghavan and Nandini Iyer for inspiration and for the formulation of the Declaration of Interdependence—ten aims that guide our aspirations and programming. In addition to a full-line of programs and events for 2026, we are considering partnering with The Music Circle, who will bring the ATMA Ensemble, one of the finest Indian music ensembles in the world, to perform in honor of our anniversary and in gratitude to our Founders’ vision. The concert will be at the 460-seat Lotte Lehmann Hall, UCSB, on Saturday, April 25, 2026. Save the date.

With speaker honoraria, upgrade of video and audio equipment for YouTube streaming, and a general rise in monetary expenses, IWC needs your financial assistance in order to help create a truly expansive and inspiring 50th anniversary year. Memberships and donations of any size are both welcome; both are tax deductible. Please use the enclosed card and mail in your check, made out to Institute of World Culture, to the address above, or donate via credit card at <http://www.worldculture.org/contributions> using the donate button. Endowments toward sustaining the Institute in the future are welcome, as are additional contributions to support our special 50th anniversary concert. To ensure your entire contribution directly supports our work, we welcome larger donations via check.

Continue to send us your ideas. As you may be aware, we have no paid employees; all Board members, officers and staff are volunteers, so on behalf of all our volunteers, we appreciate your continuing support in developing circles of lifelong learning and mutual understanding in our world community.

Warm regards,

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