

AN ACT OF FAITH

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The Minding Centre (TMC) is an act of faith.
The TMC is a witness to the living truth of the Buddha Dharma.

We have no sizeable or regular source of income, but rely fully on your own faith and support. We are never sure when our next cheque or donation will come, or how much, but we know it will come.

We set up the TMC because

- (1) we have firm faith in the authenticity and spirituality of the Dharma;
- (2) we are convinced that a good understanding of the Suttas will clear wrong views and practices;
- (3) we can rely on locals to be truly good and self-reliant Buddhists;
- (4) we know that exemplary lay followers will inspire monastics to keep to their training and rules, and become even better teachers for the benefit of all.

Above all, we are committed to the vision that we can attain spiritual liberation in this life itself by gaining at least streamwinning. The Suttas are very clear about this (see Samyutta ch 25).

In our quest for spiritual wisdom and liberation, we need to make some sacrifices.
Rents and maintenance have to be paid for. Sometimes the cost can be quite high, so it seems.
But nothing can measure up to the Dharma: how much is the Dharma worth in dollars?

We need more than money to run efforts like the TMC: we need faith.
Otherwise, it is just a successful business.

The Dharma is immeasurable. We remind ourselves of this in our lovingkindness meditation.
Lovingkindness is unconditional love for all beings, including ourselves, in term of spiritual development.

If your heart is in truly in the Dharma, you will have no fear.
Help and compassion are always around the corner.
If your heart is in the Dharma, you will have a vision of wondrous things to come.

We thank you for your Dharma-moved pledges.
With a few more regular (monthly, quarterly, even annual) pledgers, we will at least cover our monthly rental.

More importantly, do join us for the Sutta experience whenever you can, and tell others about this wonderful opportunity at the TMC.

Even if you make no pledge or have not donated, you are even more welcome to join in the Sutta study. For, your presence witnesses your faith in the Dharma.

May we remember and support local Dharma efforts for the local presence of the Buddha Dharma for the benefit of all.

Let us be the roots and shoots from which a beautiful Bodhi tree will grow in Singapore in due course.

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