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Dear Friends,

Peace and greetings in the Lord!

With the arrival of colder weather, and soon the “full force” of Winter, we readily recall the words from the Old Testament Book of Daniel, which we chant every Sunday morning during the Office of Lauds: “Cold and chill, bless the Lord . . . Ice and snow, bless the Lord.” It is a call to glorify God in all seasons, whatever the weather!

After an unusual Summer of wildfires in our area, including the threat of evacuation, which fortunately did not have to take place, we have had a pleasant Autumn, and are still enjoying a lot of produce from our greenhouse.

As Winter draws nigh, at this time of year we send out an appeal letter to assist us with the purchase of propane for the heating and cooking at the Monastery during the coming months.

We are always grateful for the financial support we receive from so many who do good for us.

If you can help us at this time of our heat appeal, please send a \$10 gift, or more if you are able.

We would hope to receive contributions by November 13th, which marks the forty-first anniversary of the death of our founder and first Prior, Father Aelred Wall. We are so grateful to him for the monastery he established in the Chama Canyon Wilderness.

You may donate by check or at this link online: <https://christdesert.org/.give/HT25>

With assurance of our gratitude and prayers for your kindness to us,

Abbot Christian Leisy, OSB

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