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Dear Retreat Participant,

I write to you with news that will very much change the Omega retreat later this week.

Adyashanti is not able to travel to New York or to teach at Omega next week due to a serious illness, mandating his home stay. Please know that he would not have missed being there with you, and with everyone attending, if there was a possibility that he could have come. Please also know that it only became clear now that he would not recover in time to travel next week, although he is recovering gradually.

In considering who might teach this retreat in his absence, Adya very much preferred to choose one or more teachers in his lineage to do so. He has asked me, Open Gate Sangha associate teacher and wife, Mukti, to teach the first half of the week and to then return home to be with him. He has asked Sharon Landrith, who he gave dharma transmission to over a decade ago, to teach the second half. Sharon graciously accepted last night.

Outwardly the retreat format is to remain the same, as traditional Open Gate Sangha retreats have been. On other levels this retreat presents an opportunity for a coming together in new ways, increasingly strengthened by mutual support.

It is not entirely certain when Adya will resume his scheduled teachings, as it is our priority that he rest and recover in order to return with strength to his teaching role. Our hope is that his return will be in the near-term, and his expectation and ours is that he will teach for many more years to come. You will receive further news of his recovery in future, if you are on the Open Gate Sangha mailing list. Please refrain from calling for updates. If you would like to be put on this list, go to www.adyashanti.org and select "Contact Us" (on left) for instructions.

We imagine this current news will impact you in small or large ways, and accordingly the circumstances offer an opportunity to be present and compassionate with what may arise. Please know we wish the best outcome possible for you. You are in our hearts and prayers, as I know you have been in Adya's prayers since he first began teaching and perhaps before, as he prays daily for all who come to Open Gate, for all who wish to know and express Truth, and for all beings everywhere.

Perhaps you will be drawn to join with your own blessings for his recovery. For such support and well wishes and for your understanding of this retreat change, we thank you. May the retreat days ahead further unite us all in our humanity and in Spirit.

Tenderly,
Mukti
On behalf of Adyashanti and Open Gate Sangha