True Freedom

a Pen Pal Program at Community of Mindful Living

Coordination Team Agreements

◆ In helping to coordinate the pen pal program – True Freedom at Community of Mindful Living we will bring joy and peace to our service.

◆ The incoming mail from incarcerated friends will be collected and kept by in the registration office of Solidity Hamlet. Around once a week the coordinator (in person or through a helping friend) will come and pick up the mail at Deer Park.

◆ The coordinator will open and read new letters, forward requests about Mindfulness Bell subscriptions and books to David Percival and Travis at Parallax respectively.

◆ The coordinator will also write a letter back to the inmate with a back issue of the Mindfulness Bell.

◆ When a new request for pen pal comes in the coordinator will try to find an appropriate person to respond to the letter.

◆ Letters addressed to a particular pen pal within the program will be forwarded unopened.

◆ The coordinator will keep a list of names of inmates and the name of the respective pen pal.

◆ The coordinator will also keep a name list of active pen pals and make the online sharing True Freedom through Posterous available, so that the will have the opportunity to share their experiences with the other pen pals.

◆ The Community of Mindful Living at Deer Park Monastery is ready to cover the cost for envelopes, paper and stamps needed by the coordinator within this service.

◆ At this point – December 2010 - of the True Freedom Program we have eight active Pen Pal writers. Brother Pete Kuhn will take care of the coordination of the program. Sister Patricia is assisting from Deer Park in collecting the mail. Brother Phap Ho will help from Deer Park in communicating about the program with monastic and lay practitioners within the Community of Mindful Living and the Order of Interbeing and assist in reimbursements for above mentioned costs.