



NAROPA UNIVERSITY
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Opportunity for Reflection

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Dear Members of the Naropa Community,

The President of the United States announced his decision last evening to send an additional 30,000 troops into harm's way in Afghanistan. As citizens of the global community, let us stop and take a moment for reflection. I invite each one of us to pause, pray and practice in our own way for all those who will be affected by this deployment; Americans and Afghans alike.

Wars have costs. So does peace. We should never forget these facts. Thus, as a community that aspires to achieve greater peace both within ourselves and in our world, I ask that we practice compassion and pray for these young men and women, our nation's soldiers, our sons, daughters, siblings, fathers, mothers, and all who are caught in the crossfire of war.

Regardless of politics, I ask that we each extend our collective compassion and support to all those who may pay the ultimate cost.

Always remember: we're all in this together.

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other
—Mother Teresa

With thoughts and prayers,

Dr. Stuart C. Lord
President