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Dr. Jasant Modi and Dr. Meera Modi  
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Dear Meera and Jasant,

With the heartfelt gratitude of the Cal Poly Pomona campus community, I want to thank you both for your commitment to establish the Shri Shantinath Endowed Chair in Ahimsa Studies.

This initiative will truly enrich the influence and scope of the Ahimsa Center and Dr. Sethia's groundbreaking work. The collective vision to foster nonviolence studies, including a tenure-track faculty position, the nonviolence minor and the summer institute for K-12 educators provides unparalleled interdisciplinary opportunities for students and faculty to continually reference and learn from this critical area of studies committed to social justice, civil engagement and ecological sustainability.

Generations of students will approach challenges and make decisions greatly influenced by their studies through the Ahimsa Center. Your years of support to the Center have made this work possible, and we are humbled to partner with you, the Jains and the Shahs to further your dedication to the Center's tenets of peace and amity that will influence transformational and lasting social change.

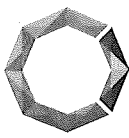
Thank you for your exceptional dedication to Cal Poly Pomona and our mission to invest in students and their ability to act as positive forces toward a collaborative and collective community. Best wishes for a safe and restful holiday season!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S. Coley".

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Dr. Jasvant Modi and Dr. Meera Modi  
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Dear Jasvant and Meera,

I want to thank you both for your leadership commitment to create the Shri Shantinath Endowed Chair in Ahimsa Studies at Cal Poly Pomona. It has been a pleasure to work with you, the Jains and the Shahs to learn more about the outstanding work of Dr. Sethia and the Ahimsa Center and to expand the Center's profile.

Your vision for creating a source of funding in perpetuity for the Ahimsa Center that will establish a faculty chair, broaden curriculum, and strengthen educator outreach is foundational to the Center's future.

Please accept the profound gratitude of the entire Cal Poly Pomona campus for elevating educational excellence through an unparalleled investment in students' ethical well-being while also building a lasting international resource for nonviolence studies.

All best wishes to you and your family for a healthy and peaceful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Daniel E. Montplaisir, CFRE  
Vice President for University Advancement

*Blessings,*

*"The Creation of a Thousand  
Forests is in one Acorn"*

*- Ralph Waldo Emerson*