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Dear Highlander family,

Our team recently learned about the fire at the Highlander Research and Education Center, and we are writing to express our deepest condolences for your loss. You are on our minds during this difficult time, and we would like to express our solidarity as you begin the process of rebuilding what was lost.

A group from the Social Medicine Consortium Campaign Against Racism was privileged to have the opportunity to visit Highlander in October 2018-- an experience which was transformative for us. Over the course of several days, we learned from and alongside your staff, driven in this work by the incredible history and ongoing dedication to social justice that Highlander represents. Today, this Campaign Against Racism has engaged approximately 1,500 people across 23 chapters, which span eleven countries -- and we remain deeply grateful for your support along the way.

We know that Highlander has endured many challenges over the years, and we deeply respect the grace and dedication that your team consistently shows in the face of these struggles. We are raising funds because your call to action has deeply resonated with us:

"This is a time for building our power. Now is the time to be vigilant. To love each other and support each other and to keep each other safe in turbulent times. Now is not the time to dismiss how scary things are, which makes it even more important to have concrete assessments of concrete conditions, and sophisticated strategies to build a new world."

We remain profoundly grateful for the ways in which Highlander has allowed us to develop our own strategies to confront the systemic racism against which we are fighting. We stand with you, and will continue to do this work knowing that we are part of a larger movement and family.

In solidarity and with love,

The Campaign Against Racism of the Social Medicine Consortium