

May the New York event be rich with spiritual gifts and true Brotherhood.

Yours fraternally,

**Antonio Girardi**

**(General Secretary ITS)**

Greetings to all participants in I.T.C. 2013 on - Awakening to Compassion.

May your exploration of the living power of true compassion, be fruitful.

With all good wishes,

**Dorothy Bell**

Dear friends,

Please convey my warmest and most heart-felt greetings to all attending the 15th annual ITC meeting, in New York City! I deeply regret that physical problems prevent me from being with all of you in person, but I can assure you that I will be there in spirit, rejoicing in the bonds that unite us in gratitude to the life and work of H.P.B.!

Your theme reminds me of the 1888 message of H.P.B. to her colleagues in America, in which she spoke not of the metaphysics of Theosophy but of its "essence" as "the harmonizing of the divine with the human in man, the adjustment of [our] god-like qualities and aspirations and their sway over....the animal passions..."

That was the year The Secret Doctrine was first published, sublime teachings indeed, but her emphasis was on "charity, good-will to all beings, and perfect justice to others as to oneself..." The key-note of her message was truly compassion, how we live and how we act, a message that still echoes in the heart of every Theosophist. To awaken compassion in the heart of every sentient being: this was for H.P.B. the true work, for it is compassion that harmonizes the divine with the human in us. And it is compassion that will heal the world's sorrows and bring light, peace, and truth to humankind!