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# Global Sangha Newsletter 17

## UPAVASTHA & WHEEL OF LIFE

PODCAST GS14



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The Newsletter will henceforth come out on Wednesdays

#### PODCAST GS14

**Click the button at the top for the latest podcast.**

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**JANUARY FULL MOON UPAVASTHA - TOMORROW**

**- Koteswara, Vajrapala & Dharmavidya**  
Thursday-Friday 28-29 January 2021

An on-line retreat, celebration and renewal (times are Rome time zone)

- 15.00 Assemble
- 15.30 Puja: Nembutsu, Vajrasattva- Koteswara
- Nei Quan Chih Quan, with short Dharma talk - Dharmavidya
- Sange (Confession of faults) and Refuge Ceremony (Taking refuge & renewal)
- 18.00 Chanting Quan Shi Yin into the night until midnight or later, wherever you are
- 03.30 Puja: Nembutsu, Vajrasattva- Koteswara (8am in India)
- Morning meditation
- 10.00 Service - Vajrapala
- Gathering for sharing
- End before midday

Upavastha signifies the full moon time when the gods come to visit one's home. In Buddhism this is traditionally time for confession, contrition and renewal. This retreat is offered as an experiment. If it is popular it can be repeated on other full moon nights. Please get a ticket at: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/globalsangha> Even if you are already listed for this event, please get a ticket. There is no charge, but you can make a donation if you wish.

Scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Upavastha

Time: 28 Jan, 15.00 Rome, to 29 Jan, 12.00 Rome.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84556109217?pwd=SmRlV3AwRkZqdU5nSlU4cjVyb1BHUT09>

Meeting ID: 845 5610 9217

Passcode: 995485

One tap mobile local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/ktX6XeFCI>

**FEBRUARY FULL MOON**

Weekend 27th-28th

Programme to be announced

FOR OTHER REGULAR & FORTHCOMING EVENTS  
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**WHEEL OF LIFE MEETING - February 6**

This week's podcast concerns the Wheel of Life. Discussion of this topic arose in the Refuge Group this past Saturday. It has been decided to hold another meeting on this topic February 6, 14:00-16:30. This meeting is open to all.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83874646898?pwd=ZTZHbnpSREgweC81UmcyU29uUmd0QT09>

Meeting ID: 838 7464 6898

Passcode: 298750

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**EXTRACT FROM SHUSHOGI**

*Shushogi is a text made up of writings by Eihei Dogen Zenji*

"To behold all beings with the eye of compassion and to speak kindly to them is the meaning of tenderness. If we would understand tenderness, one must speak to others whilst thinking that one loves all living things as if they were one's children. When we praise those who exhibit virtue and feel sorry for those who do not, our enemies become our friends and they who are our friends have their friendship strengthened. This is all through the power

tenderness. When one speaks kindly to another, his face brightens and his heart is warmed: if a kind word be spoken in his absence, the impression will be a deep one. Tenderness can have a revolutionary effect upon the mind of man."

- J. Kennett 1972. *Selling Water by the River: A manual of Zen training*. New York: Pantheon, pp.133-134

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## AMIDA ORDER ELECTION

The Amida Order is currently holding an election for the new Head of the Order following the retirement of the founder, Dharmavidya. Reverend Master Susthama Kim has been nominated by Dharmavidya and several other order members and there will now be a vote on this nomination. The result will be announced at the end of Jan

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## PODCAST TRANSCRIPTS

Some time ago Nando translated the whole first series of 108 podcasts into Spanish. Now we can add a big congratulation to Angela who has translated them all into Italian. So wonderful ! There are now so many translations of the first series of podcasts that the index has been divided into two sections:

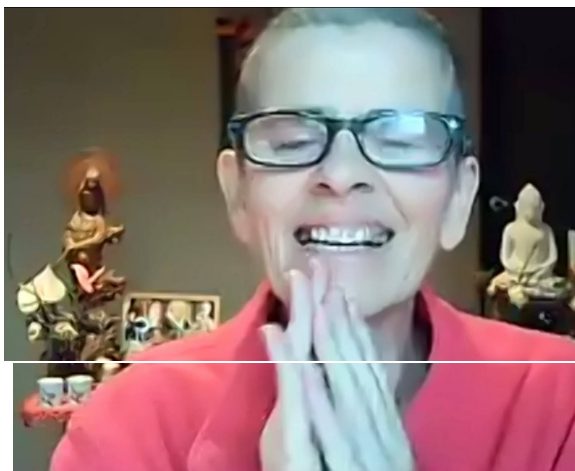
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Transcripts of the new series of podcasts can be found via

[Global Sangha Podcast Series](#)

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Reverend Vajrapala :- Photo by Floor Nijman

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## WEEKLY MEETINGS

All times are Rome time zone

### MONDAYS

Monday 2 - 3.30 pm is **Nembutsu Service** with Vajrapala, Susthama or other Order member. Especially for those who have taken refuge or are thinking about taking refuge or want to go deeper in the theme of refuge

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85954136440?pwd=WmRMMllydlQzaWF2Mi9RbFZWTVRZRz09>

Meeting ID: 859 5413 6440

Passcode: 670414

### TUESDAYS

17.30 Sangha Group Meeting in Italian

Details from Angela <ange.romani.2017@gmail.com>

### WEDNESDAYS 14.30 On-line Meeting with Vajrapala

This is a meeting of friends of Amida Benelux Sangha - all welcome - see end of newsletter below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83616599261?pwd=d3QrL1U0RG9RQXJPQU1yTzJkY3FXUT09>

Meeting ID: 836 1659 9261

Passcode: 129104

### FRIDAY 10.00 from 22 January, weekly

[But please note the meeting this Friday is part of the Upavastha - please use that link - see first main item in this Newsletter]

Amida Service led by Reverend Vajrapala

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88455022063?pwd=ZEdiclJZOC92a1g2bnZjUTRWYm5EUT09>

Meeting ID: 884 5502 2063

Passcode: 171195

### FRIDAY 20.30 from 22 January, weekly

Amida Service led by Reverend Vajrapala and Angela Romani

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81196810533?pwd=QWxtQ1VXejJMdm0VDF6aDVTR01BQT09>

Meeting ID: 811 9681 0533

Passcode: 407423

### SATURDAY

**14.00 Refuge Group.** Open to all who have taken refuge.

Codes separately notified.

**SATURDAY 6th** February and then 4 weekly

**11.00 Zen Therapy Seminar**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83484765888>

Meeting ID: 834 8476 5888

One tap mobile local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kc0P1T379c>

**SATURDAY 23rd** and then 4 weekly

**19.30 Zen Therapy Seminar**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87560868030>

Meeting ID: 875 6086 8030

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Meeting ID: 875 6086 8030

One tap mobile local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/ky1Zf711X>

**SUNDAY**

**11.00 Global Sangha Interest Group**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87840519127>

Meeting ID: 878 4051 9127

One tap mobile local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kWbW3Qs0L>

**SUNDAY**

**20.00 Friendship Group**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83106781029>

Meeting ID: 831 0678 1029

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## EVENTS

### EASTER RETREAT TRANSMISSION OF SUMMARY OF FAITH & PRACTICE

2-5 April 2021

*Dharmavidya & Tineke Osterloh*

Transmission of the text and direct teaching of

[The Summary of Faith & Practice](#)

A key teaching in Amida Pureland Buddhism

DAY ONE

2-4pm Gathering; Introduction to the teaching; 6-8pm Service & Practice; Dharma Talk

DAY TWO

9.30-Noon Service; Practice; Session - Part One

2-4pm Part One (continued); Mondo

6-8pm Part Two

DAY THREE

9.30-Noon Service; Refuge Ceremony; Dharma Talk; Practice

2-4pm Part Three; Mondo

6-8pm Creative Workshop

DAY FOUR

9.30-Noon Part Four

2-4pm Transmission; Final Gathering

Get a ticket at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/globalsangha>

Information also at

<https://www.tinekeosterloh.com/kurse/summary-of-faith-practice/>

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### TRANSMISSION OF MIRROR TEACHINGS *Dharmavidya & Tineke Osterloh*

**1st Series:** 3 hours per week commencing 8th March Mondays 15.00-18.00 (Rome)

This programme is fully booked. There is a waiting list. If you have already been approved to join the first cohort you can get your ticket at

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/globalsangha>

**2nd Series:** 15.00-18.00 (Romle) September 11, 12, 13, 27; October 4, 11, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; December 4, 5, 6.

This programme is three quarters booked.

Full details: <https://eleusis.ning.com/events/transmission-of-mirror-teachings>  
and

here: <https://www.tinekeosterloh.com/kurse/transmission-of-mirror-teachings/>

Apply to Jisshas <jisshas@googlegroups.com>, If there is a place you can then get a ticket at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/globalsangha>

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Dharmavidya & Selena :- Photo by Floor Nijman =====

Komyo henjo jippo sekai  
Nenbu-shujo sesshu husho

The infinite light of Amida Bu illuminates all directions  
All who call his name shall be saved and never abandoned

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