

Global Sangha Newsletter 26 - Wednesday 17th March 2021

SKANDHAS ARE EMPTY IN THE HEART

PODCAST GS21

Photo: Spring Blossom - Angela Romani

Wednesday Edition

To submit items for the newsletter, please send them by midnight Tuesday. News and photos are especially welcome,

All times in the Newsletter are Rome time zone (CET).

Please note: America has switched to Daylight Savings Time (DST).

Europe will switch on 28 March.

Please double-check time differences to avoid missing events.

GLOBAL SANGHA

The concept of Global Sangha, at the simplest level, is the same as Amida's Golden Chain stretching round the world with faithful members in many countries reaching out to one another and supporting one another on the spiritual path. This is not about organisation, this is about heart connection.

At a deeper level, therefore, Global Sangha speaks of

THIS SATURDAY

ZEN THERAPY SEMINAR: "The Grace in Grieving"

Prajnatara Teresa Bryant

Saturday 20th March 19:30

"You cannot discover new oceans unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore" ~ Tibetan Proverb

Grief is a natural response to loss, often leaving us confused and anguished. This workshop will explore the shattering and transformative aspects of the grief experience through a Buddhist lens.

Prajna Teresa Bryant is a registered psychotherapist focusing in the areas of loss, life-limiting illness, aging, and life transformation. She currently teaches in the M.A. of Counselling program at Western University. She is the former Director of Supportive and Community Care at St. Joseph's Hospice, and Director of Pastoral Studies at Western University. She lives in Canada with her husband James and cat Myko. Prajna belongs to ITZI and IBAP and is a retired minister of the Order of Amida Buddha.

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

Meeting ID: 875 6086 8030

One tap mobile local

number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/ky1Zf711X>

Sponsored by ITZI: <https://zen-therapy.org/>

universal goodwill: the spirit of generosity, love, and gratitude that is the antidote to greed hate and delusion, extended firstly to one another and then in all directions; the earthly reflection of the Unimpeded Light of the sambhogakaya.

Ultimately Global Sangha is true refuge - the eternal amidst the ephemeral, the Buddhas of all times present for us now, whose light is ever shining on this and all worlds. To uphold the spirit of Global Sangha is to turn to that light and let it be reflected in all that one does.

GLOBAL SANGHA VOW

We undertake together to uphold the spirit of Global Sangha.

We undertake together to make the spirit of Global Sangha manifest in this world.

We undertake to assist one another in practical and spiritual ways upon this path.

VAJRASATTVA DHARANI

Here are two translations and explanations of the Vajrasattva Dharani for those who want to understand more about this practice which we do as part of the Upavastha.

REFUGE GROUP

Saturday at 14:00 - codes separately notified

Friday 19th is the anniversary of the death of Reverend Gisho Saiko, the teacher who asked Dharmavidya to bring the Pureland Teaching to the West. Saiko Sensei also had a strong interest in Buddhist Psychology, wrote several books on the subject in Japanese, and presented his ideas at a number of international conferences. This weekend we shall be thinking about his work and example.

SUNDAY 21st March

11:00 Global Sangha Interest Group

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

Meeting ID: 878 4051 9127

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

18:00 Todos los domingos - Ganendra. En español. Grupo de introducción al Dharma por whatsapp. A las 18h. se envían dos audios, una breve charla de Dharma y una práctica, para escuchar y practicar todos juntos, en la medida de lo posible.

Para inscribirse, enviar un whatsapp a +34 620265962.

20:00 Friendship Group

<https://bit.ly/2Qf01nC>

Passcode: 256734

MIDWEEK

Full listing of midweek meetings in the Diary tomorrow.

<https://bit.ly/3eVlcUG>

and

<https://bit.ly/3rWQUpE>

IN THE SUMMER

HEARTLAND TALK

5th June 18:00

Dharmavidya will give a Dharma Talk for Heartland Sangha via zoom.

OBON

24-25 July (Full Moon of July)

Annual ceremony to commemorate all our ancestors, personal, collective and spiritual.

IN THE AUTUMN

TRANSMISSION OF MIRROR TEACHINGS

Dharmavidya & Tineke Osterloh

These programmes are based on the book *The Dark Side of the Mirror: Forgetting the self in Dogen's Genjo Koan*

<https://bit.ly/36qc1rr>

2nd Series: One or two places available. 15.00-18.00 (Rome) September 11, 12, 13, 27; October 4, 11, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; December 4, 5, 6.

LEARNING ITALIAN

Angela Romani led us in a fun Italian lesson yesterday. We are looking forward to many more.

LOOKING AHEAD

MARCH FULL MOON UPAVASTHA

Koteswara, Vajrapala & Dharmavidya

Saturday-Sunday 27-28 March 2021

A retreat to renew faith and practice including Vajrasattva, nei quan, chih quan, refuge, sharing and celebration. From 14:00 on Saturday until Midday on Sunday.

Tickets: <https://bit.ly/3cl0DK4>

LOTUS CEREMONY

Sunday 28 March

A ceremony to acknowledge acharyas (Buddhist teacher) will take place at 11am on 28th March. This will form part of the Upavastha.

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

<https://bit.ly/30O9q7L>

A key teaching in Amida Pureland Buddhism

DAY ONE

3rd Series Places are now available
10.00-13.00 (Rome) This series has the same dates as the second series
Content as per Series one and two.

Apply to Jisshas
<jisshas@googlegroups.com>, If you have already been allotted a place, you can get your ticket at <https://bit.ly/3cl0DK4>

Ticket holders will receive access codes near to the commencement date.

Full details: <https://bit.ly/3lpuLxD>
and here: <https://bit.ly/2OyVjAM>

Photo by Carol English

2-4pm Gathering; Introduction
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://bit.ly/3cl0DK4>

Information also at <https://bit.ly/2Q9DQix>

PODCAST GS21

"Skandhas are Empty in the Heart"

Click the button at the top for the latest podcast.

You can access transcripts and translations (Dutch, Italian, Spanish, and sometimes other languages) of this podcast series at

<https://bit.ly/3rWfsix>

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FROM HONEN SHONIN

"The one purpose of my life has been the universal spread of the nembutsu. So wherever among the high class or low you find a nembutsu community, there is my memorial temple"

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USEFUL LINKS

Vow 22 Programme: <http://www.amidashu.org/vow-22-in-depth-study-course/>

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IBAP & Buddhist Psychology Programme

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ITZI: <https://zen-therapy.org/>

GS on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/710544479619937>

GS at Eleusis: <https://eleusis.ning.com/group/global-sangha>

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: https://eleusis.ning.com/notes/GLOBAL_SANGHA_INDEX

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Thank you very much
Namo Amida Bu
Dharmavidya
David Brazier