

The Present Moment

Newsletter of Boston Old Path Sangha

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Thay's Transition

This has been a difficult time, as we confront our grief with the transition of our teacher, Thich Nhat Hanh. To continue to honor Thay, the Plum Village Sangha sends us this message:

Plum Village is your home, too. Please help us take care of it and continue Thich Nhat Hanh's dream – for all of us and generations to come.

Annual Meeting

The January BOPS meeting also serves as the annual meeting and the election of coordinators of BOPS. This is the slate of officers voted in by unanimous vote of all attendees:

Governing Co-coordinators:

Catherine Delorey and Linda Corinne

Administrative coordinator:

Laura Smeaton

Financial coordinator:

Don Leka (with assistance from Randy Parker)

Boston Old Path Sangha is Growing

BOPS has had a wonderful rejuvenation over the last year. Online membership has increased by over 35%. For all those who have recently joined BOPS, please ask any questions you may have and share your ideas on how BOPS can be a part of your practice.

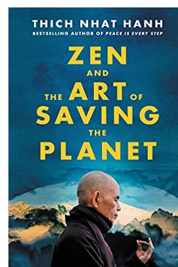
BOPS Dana

The first of the paramitas is Dana, or generosity. Thay invites us to look deeply at all we have to offer. The Coordinators were requested to consider reinstituting Dana from BOPS members. Any donation of Dana would be entirely voluntary. Financial Dana is used to cover expenses of the Sangha and to offer scholarships, whether in person or online. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for offering Dana.

What's New at Peaceful Garden Sangha

Peter Whitcomb tells us:

About six members of Peaceful Garden Sangha, Brookline, organized a weekly 1.5 hour Zoom meeting to read and share Thich Nhat Hanh's new book, 'Zen and the Art of Saving the Planet'.



Thanks to Order of Interbeing member, Janey Gilman, we've grown comfortable practicing together in our Plum Village style sangha. We've organized like this before to read and share Sutras, and found it to be a wonderful way to be inspired by Thay together. Our thanks to our teachers for their sustaining encouragement, and to Zoom for offering us this time together.

Possible BOPS Groups

BOPS members are considering having groups to recite the 14 Mindfulness Trainings, and also an in depth study group. If you are interested, let us know.

Thich Nhat Hanh - Gatha of the Day

Tomorrow, I will continue to be. But you will have to be very attentive to see me. I will be a flower, or a leaf. I will be in these forms and I will say hello to you. If you are attentive enough, you will recognize me, and you may greet me. I will be very happy.

—Thich Nhat Hanh