

Dear Sangha,

A lifetime ago, in 1996, I stumbled upon Enkyo and Joshin (Roshis to be!) and their magical living room Zendo just off of Washington Square Park. Stumbled upon because I had just moved from Texas to New York City and somehow chose to live two blocks away from their home. Magical because the place expanded to hold us all as our numbers grew and grew.

I can still see the many rows of shoes lined up in the building corridor, and I can smell the scent of miso soup simmering during Zazenkaï.

When I first entered, greeted by Roshi, I knew that I had encountered my Teacher. As I spent more time over the years, I knew that I had found my Sangha.

My own journey since that first meeting has followed a path of awareness, appreciation, and now, within the sangha, action. Action - specifically in the form of Shuso for our first virtual summer Ango. I am honored and, with the help of a planning Dream Team, delighted about our Ango offerings this year.

I encourage you to attend as many of the Ango **offerings** as possible – we have a wide variety of workshops from talented teachers, Dharma talks, and expanded periods of Zazen.

Roshi has chosen **Painted Cakes** from Dogen's Treasure of the True Dharma Eye for our study text. What is real and what is illusion? What is a living room and what is a zendo?

Please be aware that our beloved Village Zendo is in need of your financial support. The summer Ango provides revenue that is a mainstay of our income each year, and this year it is even more important than in the past.

Show your appreciation by taking action – please pay as much of the suggested fee as possible for our Ango and donate even more if possible. It is not the amount that you pay, it is the willingness to stretch yourself a bit.

Take good care,
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