

June 21, 2021

Dear Sangha,

When Enkyo Roshi asked me to be Shuso for Summer Ango this year, I was moved and honored. So much has happened in the world these past 365 plus days and with the daily news of emerging back into life we have no idea what will come next. Our Summer Ango will reflect some of today's concerns regarding what will happen next. Ango will begin with a 7-day retreat at Wisdom House. There will be a lot of forthcoming information as to how the retreat will take shape. After the 7-day in-person retreat, Ango will continue virtually with daily workshop offerings. Information on these workshops will also be forthcoming.

The study texts for this Ango will be Dogen's "Instructions to the Cook" and Bernie Glassman's book of the same title. I cannot think of two texts to study this Ango that could help us explore more fully how to live creatively in the emerging marketplace and in other areas of our lives.

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.

I look forward to being your Shuso and ask you to join me as we cook a wonderful meal for an emerging world.

Bowing in Gassho,

Mukei