



VILLAGE ZENDO

Dear Sangha,

How wonderful, our summer ango is almost here! This year, from July 22, 2023 to August 6th, Village Zendo community (and anyone who wishes to join us) will engage in an intensification of practice and attention to our lives.

This is in accord with the traditional Zen long retreats called '*ango*' translated as 'peaceful dwelling'. Our Village Zendo Summer Ango this year will be comprised of two back-to-back sesshins at Wisdom House July 23-August 6. There will be a concurrent Jukai study week culminating in a traditional Jukai service on July 29, also, at Wisdom House.

Our online practice will continue during throughout this period. For those not able to attend, please remember that ango can be a time of intensifying our practice in the midst of our ordinary daily lives of coming and going to work, our families and relations. This is a time when we personally commit to more zazen, study, and other practices such as clear awareness of our interaction with others and attentiveness to the precepts.

This year we are studying the ingenious teachings of Dogen Zenji's "Mountains and Rivers Sutra" which can be found on our website.

This year's ango shuso (or practice leader) is the Kim *Kimu Sorvig*. Kim has practiced with us at a distance and attended sesshin and ango practice at the Grail as well as Wisdom House and Garrison. He is a specialist in garden and earth science. He has prepared a letter to the sangha and suggestions for our practice.

Please enjoy this summer ango period!

Thank you for your practice, Roshi Enkyo and the Village Zendo Teachers