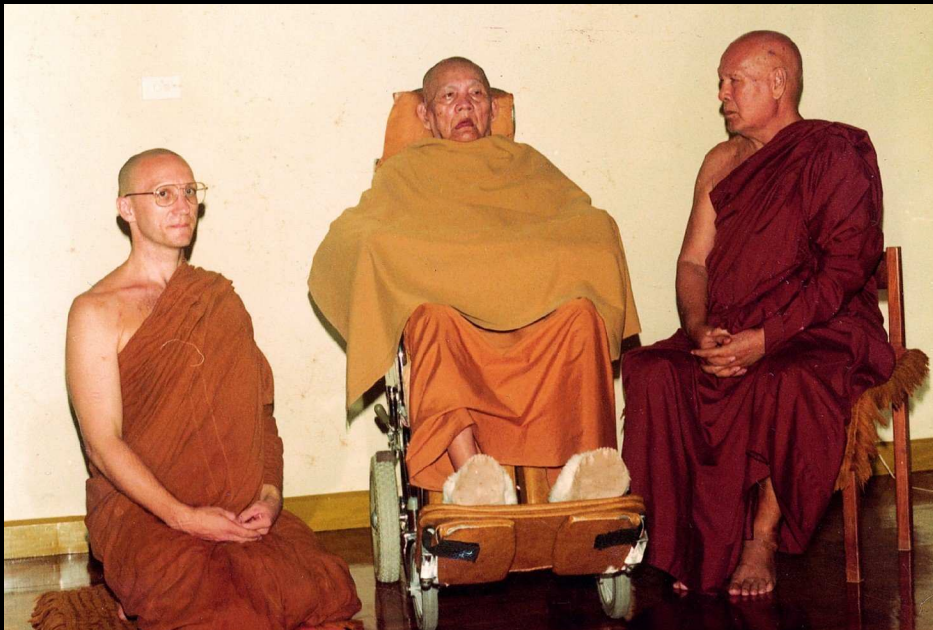
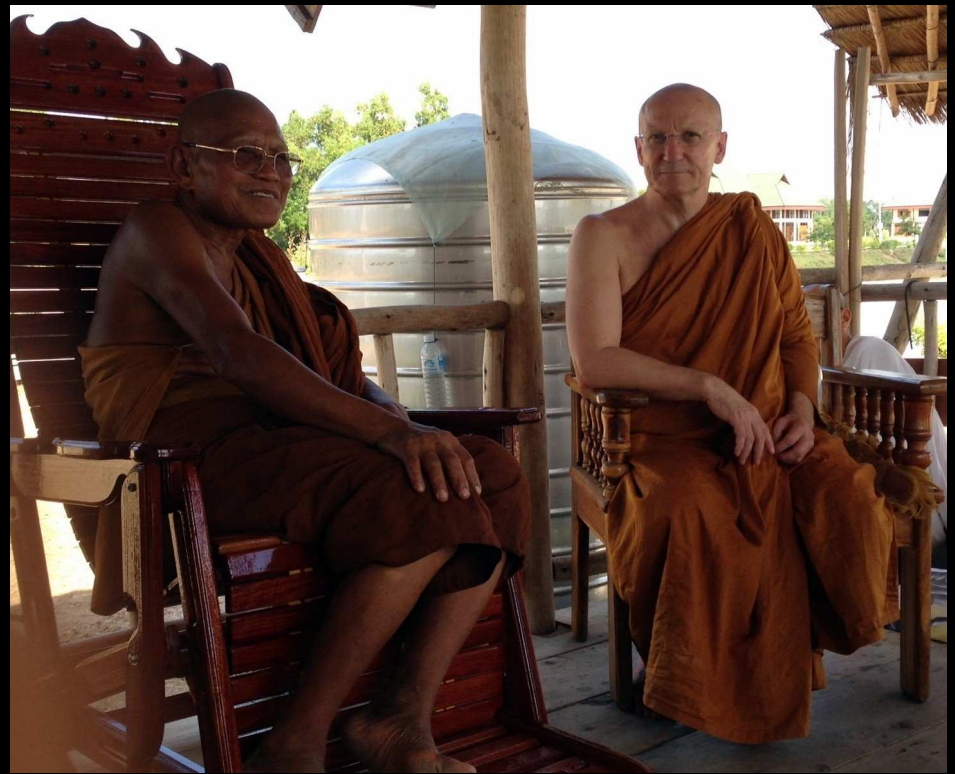
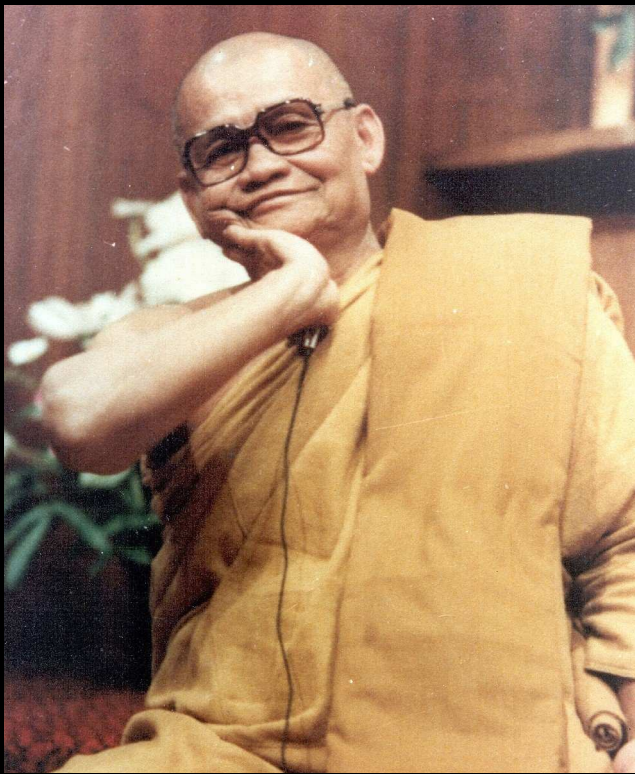


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Abhayagiri Buddhist Monastery has its roots in the Ajahn Chah Thai Forest Tradition. The abbot of Abhayagiri, Luang Por Pasanno, trained with Luang Por Chah and helped care for him in his old age. Since that time, Luang Por Pasanno has shared a close relationship with Luang Por Liam, Ajahn Chah's successor and the present leader of the Wat Pah Pong Sangha.

Abhayagiri is located in Redwood Valley, California on 280 beautiful acres spanning hillsides of scrub oak, douglas fir, pine, manzanita and madrone trees.







This year's winter retreat was served by Yoo, Jeanie, Michael, Anthony (front) JR, Kevin and Dushan (back).





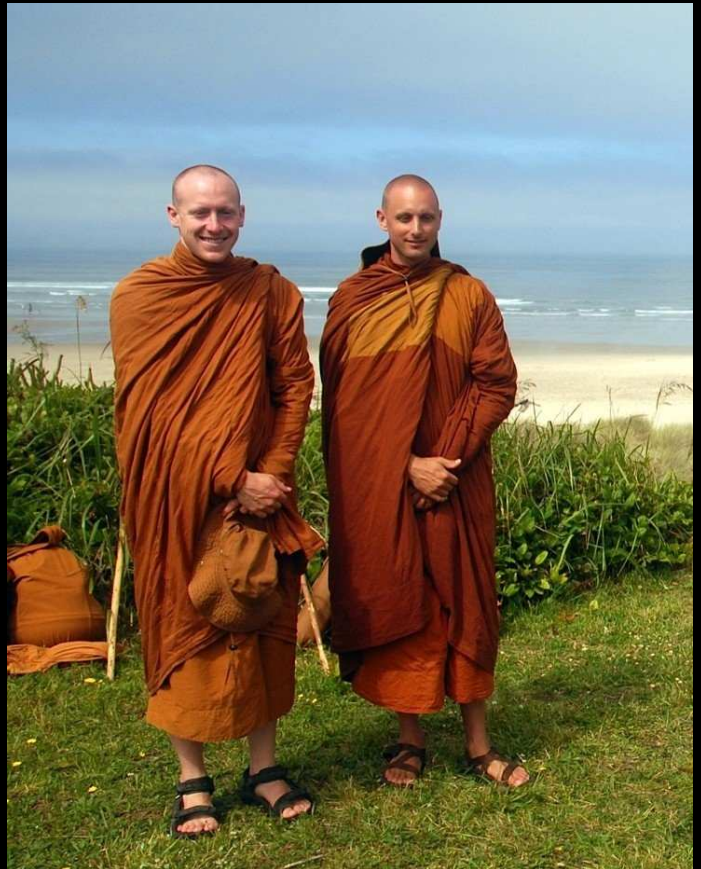
During Abhayagiri's winter retreat Ajahn Yatiko and Ajahn Sannyamo went to Sri Lanka on a pilgrimage for three months. Joining them was their friend, Ajahn Sukhito.



In April, to celebrate the Thai new year, lay people offered a Pah Bah (cloth offering ceremony) to support the acquisition of a new Buddha Rupa for Abhayagiri's upcoming Reception Hall.



On June first, Ajahn Nyaniko and Tan Thitabho departed on a two month long walk that would take them up the California and Oregon coasts, walking most of the 600 miles to the Pacific Hermitage in White Salmon, Washington. With only one exception, they received almsfood everyday and met many people who had never before encountered Buddhist monks.





Site exploration for a possible Abhayagiri stupa.



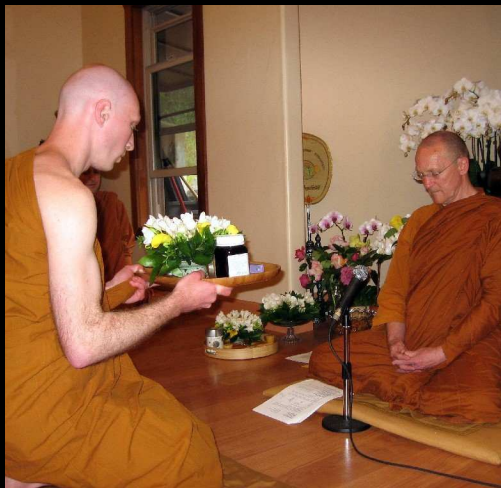


The Bhikkhu
Ordination of
Samanera Sudhiro
June 16, 2013

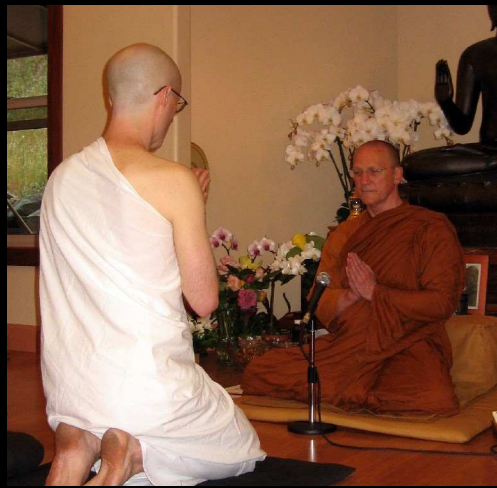








Anagarika Evan ordains as
Samanera Suhajjo.



Anthony goes forth as an
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JR goes forth as an
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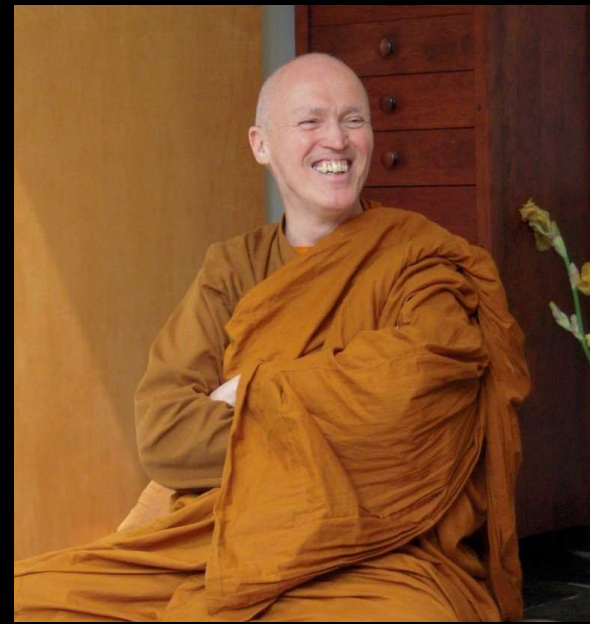
In May, Ajahn Dtun, along with Ajahn Tejapannyo, Ajahn Moshe, and Ajahn Khemavaro visited Abhayagiri with a group of lay people from Thailand. During this visit Ajahn Dtun went to visit the Redwoods, the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas and the California Coast.





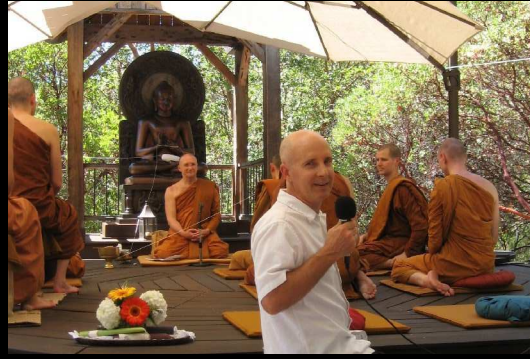


Ajahn Sucitto visits
Abhayagiri and leads
a retreat at Spirit
Rock Meditation
Center (below).





The Abhayagiri Sangha visits Wat Buddhansorn and pays respects to Ajahn Maha Prasert



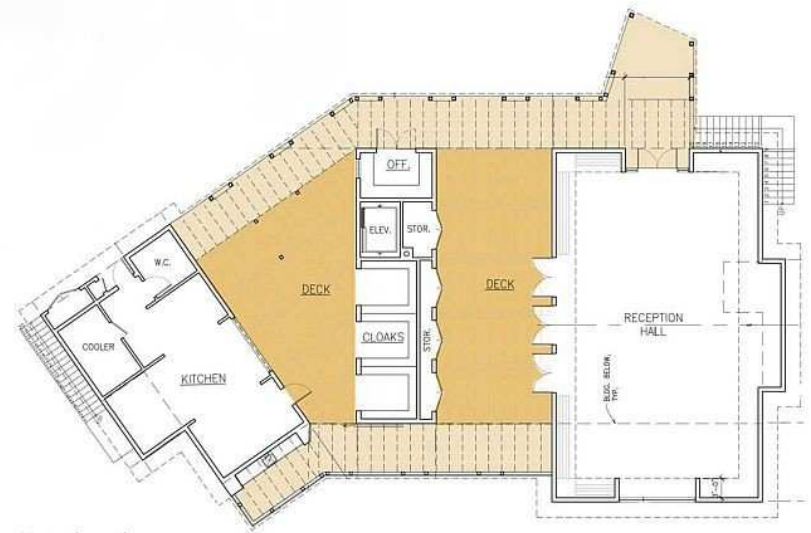
A group of upasikas born in the 3rd year of any decade refurbished the ordination platform area and offered a dedication ceremony in August.

The Abhayagiri Reception Hall project commenced on July 8th, 2013.

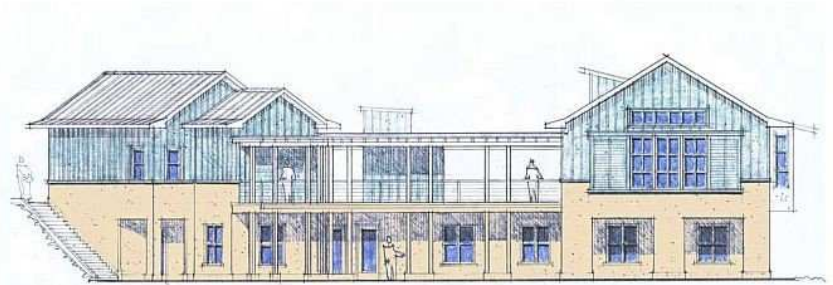
It will consist of a large reception hall, kitchen, library, small office, bathroom, laundry room, food storage room, shrine room, two guest rooms, lay meeting room, and a child care room.

The two story building will have 6500 square feet of enclosed space and over 3000 square feet of covered deck space.

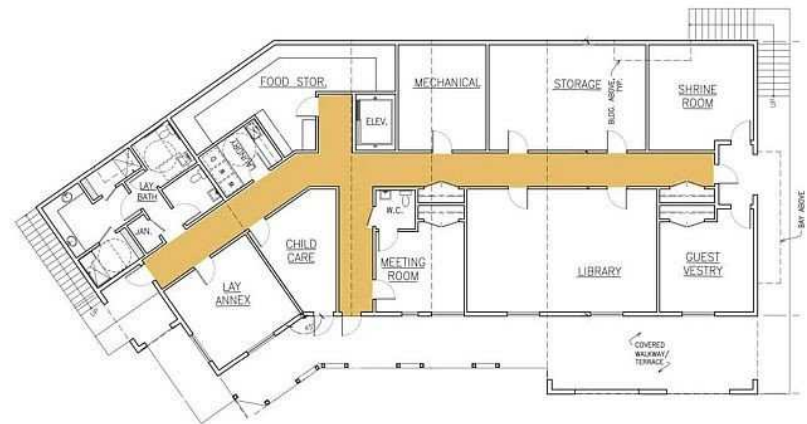
The proposed landscape plan can be seen on the opposite page.



Main Floor Plan



West Elevation



Lower Floor Plan





During the first phase of the Reception Hall project, the construction crew built a large retaining wall that will act as the back wall of the building itself (above). The large metal panels are in place so the crew can build a concrete wall in front of it. In September, this wall was completed and the foundation began (opposite page).

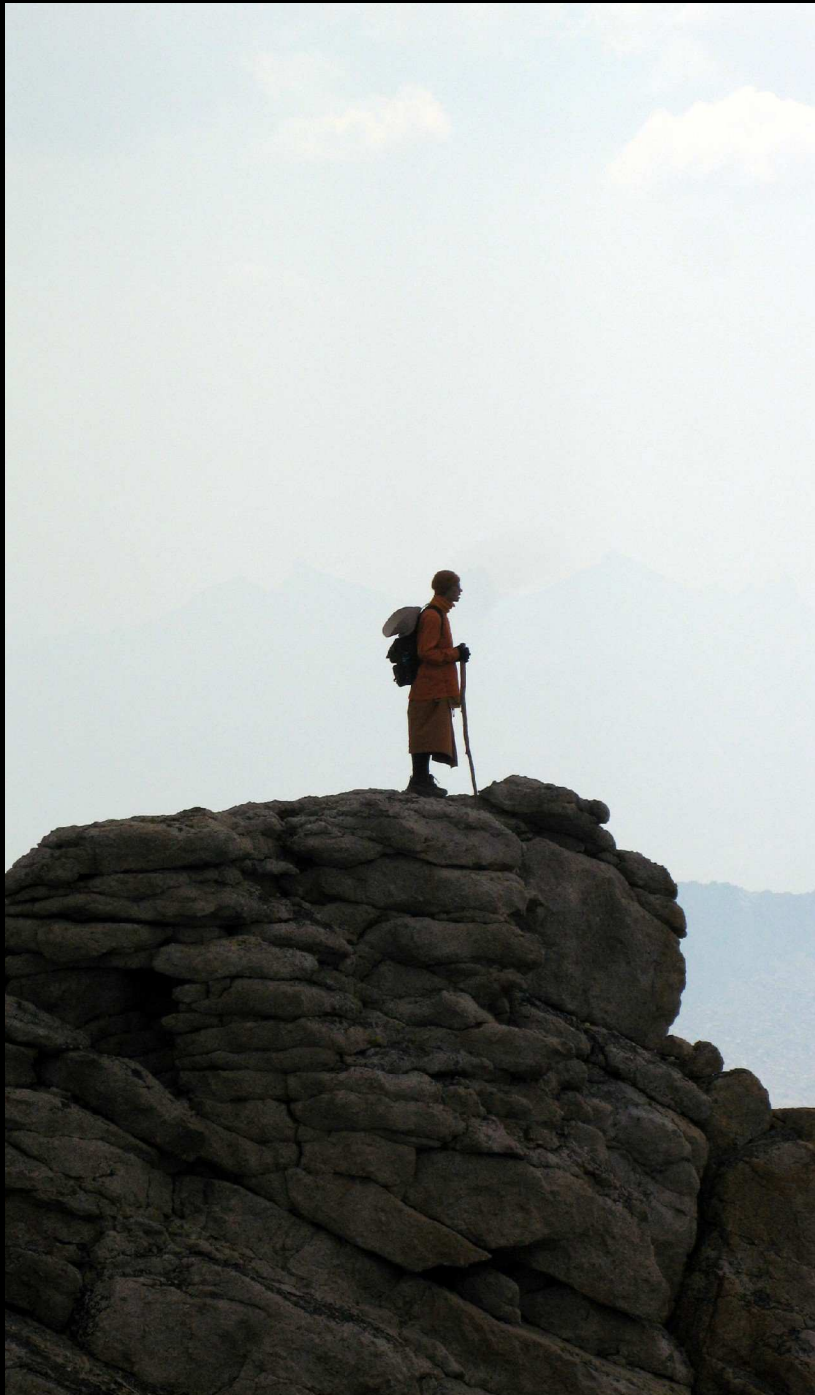


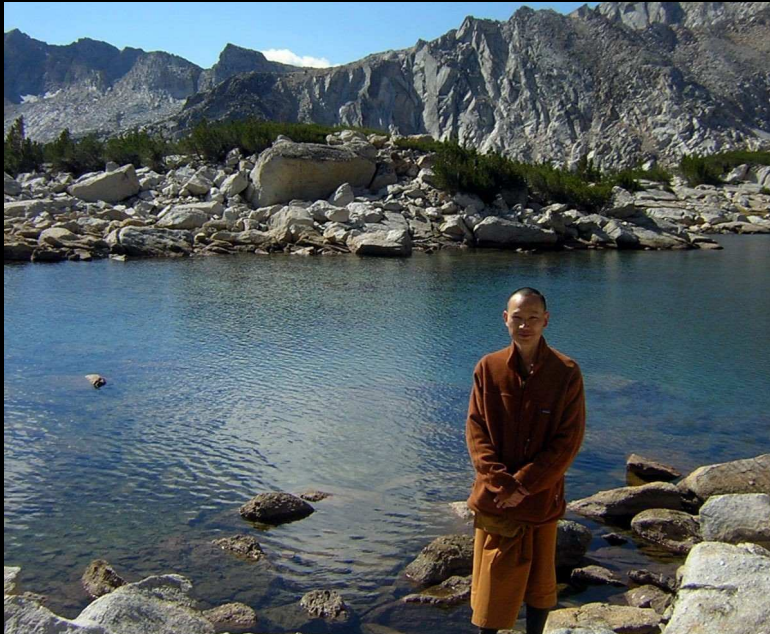




As in previous years, two groups of monks and laity went camping in Yosemite for a week each.

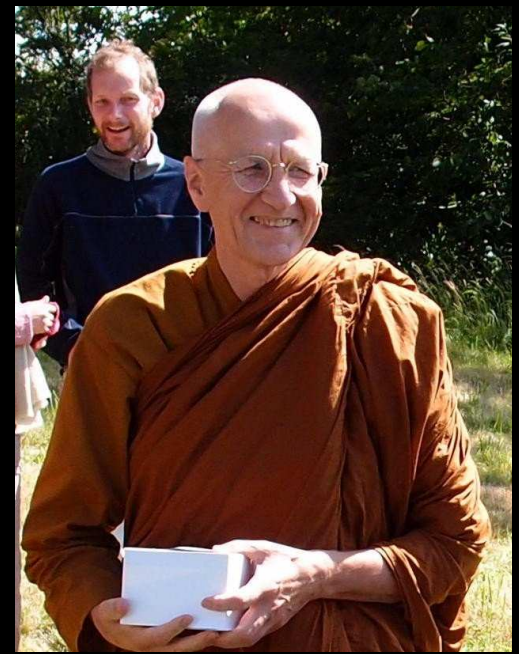






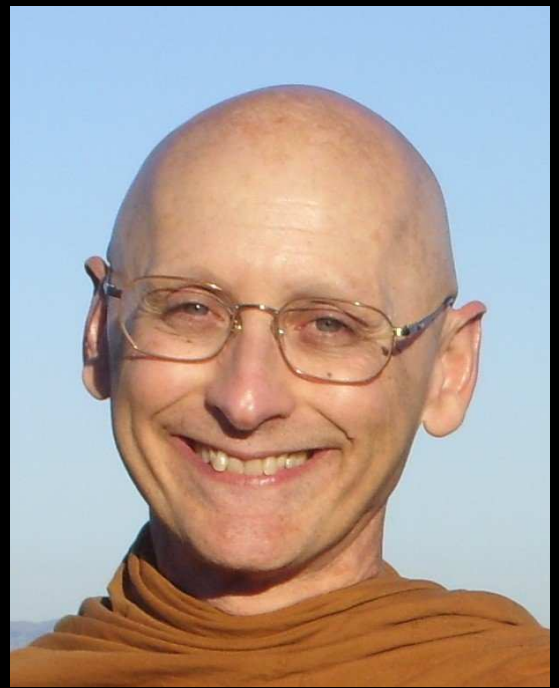
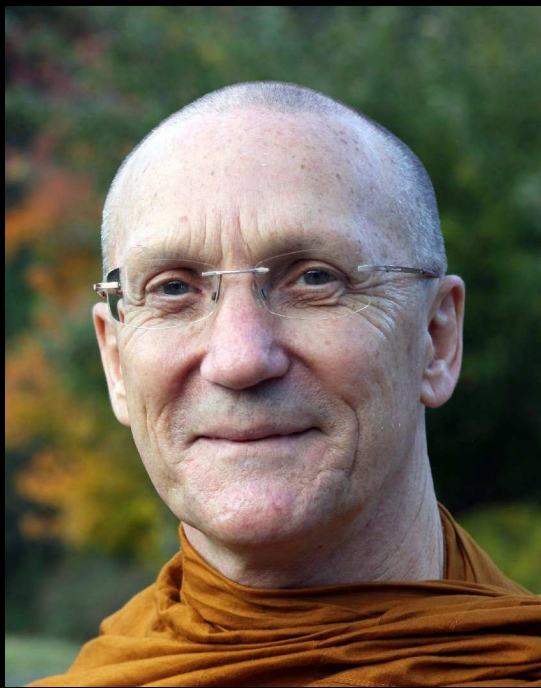






Abhayagiri received many visiting elders this year including Ajahn Viradhammo, Ajahn Sucitto, Ajahn Jayasaro and Ajahn Candasiri.





The senior residents of Abhayagiri



Three Abhayagiri monks, Ajahn Nyaniko, Tan Cunda and Tan Khemako, attended the 19th annual Western Buddhist Monastic Gathering with other Theravada, Zen, Chinese and Tibetan monks, nuns and novices.

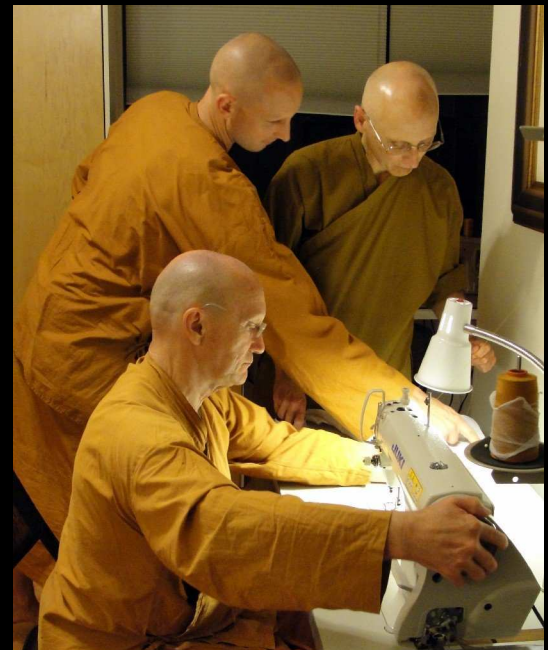


In October, over 300 lay supporters arrived at Abhayagiri Monastery to celebrate the Kathina, a 2600 year old tradition in which cloth donations and other material requisites are offered to the monks who stayed for the entire rains retreat. Ajahn Jayasaro, along with 15 lay supporters, came from Thailand to lend support and join in the Kathina celebration.





The laity formally offers the Kathina cloth to the Abhayagiri Bhikkhu Sangha



After cutting, sewing, and dyeing the Kathina robe, it was formally offered at a late night ceremony to Ajahn Nyaniko.



The Abhayagiri community with Ajahn Jayasaro at the end of Kathina.







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