

January 3, 2011

Mr. Joe Soun Dowling
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New York Zendo Shobo-Ji
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Dear Joe Soun:

As I am traveling at this time, I write but a brief letter to join the Mahasangha in voicing concern about Eido Shimano whom I have personally met only once. It's a terribly sad thing to come to this, but many women have been injured by the sexual misconduct of Eido Shimano, and the Mahasangha is injured if the ZSS board and the Dai Bosatsu Sangha fail to take strong action such that no further injury might occur. It is appropriate for the Mahasangha to protect women from injury and to protect the Three Treasures.

With all kindness and protection of the Three Treasures, remove Eido Shimano from all teaching possibilities, dissociating itself from him, so that the Zen Studies Society and Dai Bosatsu Zendo may regain balance.

I have no doubt that your new and extremely capable Abbess Shinge Roshi will bring forward all the necessary actions, elements, and activities that will bring about healing for all concerned. My sincerest wishes for everyone's recovery, for tranquility of daily practice, for fulfillment of all relations

In Dharma,

Rev. Eido Frances Carney
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