

AN INVITATION

This is an open invitation to past and present students who have studied at either Shobo-ji or Dai Bosatsu with Eido Roshi.

Please join us on March 20 for a meeting of the Sangha.

The purpose of this meeting is to come together as a Sangha in a safe environment to understand what we've all been going through: to define it, to acknowledge our suffering and to find ways of healing.

The meeting will be co-facilitated by Barry Magid and Grace Schireson.

Barry is a psychiatrist and psychoanalyst in New York City and is the Zen teacher of The Ordinary Mind Zendo.

Grace Schireson is the founder and head teacher of the Empty Nest Zen Group. She is author of the book Zen Women: Beyond Tea Ladies, Iron Maidens and Macho Masters.

COMMITTEE FOR SANGHA STEPPING FORTH

JOIN US
MARCH 20



WHAT, WHEN AND WHERE?

The Committee for Sangha Stepping Forth (CSSF) organizers are: Chika Bettina Mueller, Renji Ellen Darby, Seigan Ed Glassing.

Please feel free to email us with any questions:
cssf@sanghastepingforth.com

We are no longer affiliated with the Zen Studies Society and this meeting is not organized by the ZSS Board of Directors, nor will they be in attendance.

After waiting for months to hear from the ZSS Board, we have decided to step forth and organize at a grassroots level a way to address some of the hurt and suffering that many of us have been experiencing over the last six months caused by the actions of Eido Roshi, the Board and our own denial over the years.

If you are thinking about attending

We expect that you have some feelings about what has happened at ZSS and we expect that coming together in this way provides some sense of empowerment and the positive connections of Sangha. This is the essential purpose of this meeting - coming together to help each other.

In that vein, we hope that you will be sensitive to listening to others, whose views may differ, and to sharing in a way that will help others to feel heard and understood. No one will be pressured to talk. If you feel like you need to speak personally, before or after the meeting, you may do so by contacting one of the committee members.

Our strongest intention is to be there for each other, to not cause any further harm - either through withholding information or through pressure to share - and to find a way forward through the healing power of Sangha.

The meeting space: University Settlement
Houston Street Center
273 Bowery, NYC

Date: Sunday, March 20 9AM - 5PM

Registration: There is no charge for the meeting and if you plan to attend we just need you to register by clicking the button below so that we have an idea of how many people will be coming.

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

Please join us in anyway that you can: attend the meeting, tell friends, or contribute to the expenses of the event.

Let your friends know about this meeting. We do not have the ZSS mailing list available to us, so we're going to rely on everyone to tell their friends.

CLICK HERE TO
TELL A FRIEND

COSTS

We are going to rely entirely upon donations to cover the costs of this meeting.

The expenses are posted here and we'll update the amount of donations received so that you can keep track of how we're doing.

- Meeting space: \$1035
- Fees for Grace and Barry a minimum of \$600. Additional costs to be itemized. We would like to provide everyone with lunch, and these costs will depend on how many attend.

Donations as of today: \$973.00

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Tentative Schedule- The schedule and specific topics may change depending on the group's interests

9:00 Welcome and intro
9:30 Overview of the day. Discuss goals, topics, questions and choices for the meeting
10:00 Metta meditation
10:20 Small break
10:35 First presentation Grace Schireson - How could this happen to intelligent and aware people? (Spiritual bypassing, cult dynamics, cultural exoticism...)
11:25 Discussion, questions and answers
12:00 Lunch

**CLICK HERE
TO REGISTER**

Privacy

It has come to our attention that in the near future there may be a possible legal action against the ZSS. This will not be a topic addressed at the meeting on March 20.

We will do everything we can to ensure the privacy of everyone attending. There will be no recording or note taking. Participants will agree to keep everything at the meeting confidential and will agree not to publish or publicly reveal what takes place.

That being said, if there is anyone attending the March 20 Sangha meeting who feels they may want to join in the legal action, they should seek legal counsel beforehand.

- 1:10 Barry leads meditation/silent period
- 1:30 Second presentation by Barry Magid - What we thought we were going to get out of practice, curative fantasies, identifications, idealizations, disappointments
- 2:20 Discussion
- 2:55 Break
- 3:10 Panel with Barry and Grace - open discussion
- 4:00 Summary, further steps - final meditation

Please join our mailing list so we can mail you updates about the March 20 meeting and possible future meetings.

Your Email

First Name

Your email will not be shared and is completely private.

Committee for Sangha Stepping Forth
www.SanghaSteppingForth.com

Questions or comments are welcome
You may email us here:
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