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Re: Teacher Sexual misconduct -Eido Tai Shimano, ZSS, and ot

↳ by Genjo on Thu Mar 01, 2012 5:19 pm

Nonin wrote:

This is an excellent interview, and shows Shinge Chayat as the excellent teacher and solid Zen Master that she is.

Shinge-roshi is doing her best to right ZSS. She certainly has my support and I hope the support of all those who wish to see both Shobo-ji and Dai Bosatsu Monastery re-establish themselves as primary places for Rinzai Zen Buddhist study and training in the USA. ZSS has a long way to go, but finally, they are on the right track.

I certainly agree it is an excellent interview and that ZSS has a long way to go, but I don't think the ZSS Board under Shinge Roshi's leadership has done nearly enough to say they are on the right track. In fact I find the steps taken so far to be woefully inadequate considering that ZSS board has never made a public organizational apology for historically under-responding to Eido Roshi's serial abuses of power over decades. The board to my knowledge has never set aside funds to deal with the trauma of his sexually traumatized victims, while still paying the Shimano's well in excess of 70% of their expensive base salaries, when other benefits are added. The ZSS board, with Shinge Roshi's insistence, has also failed to adequately rework its bylaws to prevent abuses of power of anyone in the abbot's role; namely, they still don't have a board that is in large part elected by the ZSS Sangha.

I can't tell you how disappointed this all makes me feel. The properties associated with ZSS are some of the finest practice spaces in American Zen. At the very least while Eido Roshi remains delusionary and in denial about his part in this fiasco and schemes to find ways he can resume teaching, he should be excluded from setting foot on ZSS property. Even this simple break has not been possible under Shinge Roshi's leadership; clearly, the ZSS board's continued attachment to the man precludes serious effort to reach out compassionately to those alienated or harmed. For a more detailed view of the steps that I think are necessary to turn ZSS around see: < http://www.choboji.org/ZSS_steps.pdf >.

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