

Translation of an Email-Exchange with Lassalle-Haus regarding a sesshin Eido Shimano planned to conduct there.

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An: Reception

Betreff: Brief an Programmorganisator/in des Sommer-Sesshins mit Eido Shimano

Honored Co-Practitioners of Lassalle-Haus,

My name is Evi Gemmon Ketterer. I have practiced Buddhism since 1995 - for 10 years. I was ordained in the White Plum Lineage and still practice with Bernie Glassman and the ZPO here in Switzerland...

I am contacting you in regard to the planned sesshin with Eido Shimano. I am quiet shocked that it is allowed in Lassalle-Haus and I don't know how to react.

Eido Shimano is a well-known sex-addicted Roshi, who never took a whit of responsibility for his actions ... In case you don't know about any of this, please check:

<http://sweepingzen.com/?s=Eido+Shimano>

I was happy to see, that at least one of the Centers in the US cancelled a sesshin they had planned to host and ask of you to consider doing the same.

That the Lassalle-Haus plans to host a sesshin with him means to me:

- An additional slap in the face of his victims
- It raises the question of how you want to protect the participants of this sesshin?
- A slap in the face for all those who work to uncover his past honestly and who already experience enough resistance from those who work on covering his actions.
- A slap in the face of all Catholic victims who will get to know about this, because it shows that even an institution as Lassalle-Haus puts someone with robes and titles on a throne and leaves them there. For them it will show that the stated will for reform in the Church is not meant honestly.
- A slap in the face of all those who seek the path of Zen as an ethical path and now must face, that teachers and organizations still put titles and robes above ethics, even here in the West.

I ask you to let me know your final decision, if you still plan to host this sesshin.

With gratitude

Evi Ketterer

The Answer

Honored Frau Ketterer

Thanks a lot for your lines who reached me last weekend.

First of all I want to inform you that the sesshin with Eido Shimano is not a part of the official Lassalle-House program, but a guest retreat, for which they rented the "Old Villa". The Leaders of the house were not informed about his coming.

After proofing your feedback and that of others, I realized that there is a public controversy around Eido Shimano in regards of allegations about sexual abuse.

Because of this background I asked Eido Shimano to leave Lassalle-Haus during this Monday

Warm regards
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