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February 5, 2011

Dear Sangha and Friends,

We hope you are enjoying a healthy and happy New Year. We would like to update you regarding ongoing developments at The Zen Studies Society, its monastery Dai Bosatsu Zendo Kongo-ji, and city temple New York Zendo Shobo-ji.

On December 8th 2010, Eido Shimano Roshi retired from his position as Abbot of The Zen Studies Society, and on December 11th 2010, Aiho-san Yasuko Shimano retired from her position as Director of New York Zendo Shobo-ji. They retired openly and without reservation from all administrative authority. Eido Roshi is not teaching under the auspices of The Zen Studies Society.

On January 1st 2011, Shinge Roko Sherry Chayat Roshi was installed as Abbot of Dai Bosatsu Zendo in a ceremony attended by some 125 dharma friends, including sangha members from New York Zendo Shobo-ji and the Zen Center of Syracuse. Since then, she has been guiding all aspects of practice at Dai Bosatsu Zendo. Shoteki Chris Phelan has been appointed Director of Shobo-ji, and is supported by Rev. Zuiho Matthew Perez.

We board members have begun evaluating the Society's by-laws, with a focus on the development of membership involvement and establishing a more democratic process. We are also arranging for a professional audit of its resources.

We are committed to continuing the Rinzai Zen tradition and to upholding the Buddhist precepts. We vow to provide an ethical environment devoted to the well-being and encouragement of those who come for Zen practice and study.

The mission of The Zen Studies Society is threefold: to support lay practitioners of Rinzai Zen, to sustain a rigorous monastery for Zen training, and to cultivate Buddhist studies, with an emphasis on the development of Zen in Asia and its continuing evolution in the West.

We look forward to practicing with you. Please join us for an all-day sit at New York Zendo Shobo-ji on February 13th, and for March-On Sesshin at Dai Bosatsu Zendo, held from March 10th–13th.

With palms together,

Zen Studies Society Board of Directors: Soun Joe Dowling, President; Shoteki Chris Phelan, Vice President; Shinkon Peter Glynn, Treasurer; Jikyo Bonnie Shoultz, Secretary; Shinge Roko Sherry Chayat Roshi; Genjo Marinello Osho, and Zenshin Richard Rudin.

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