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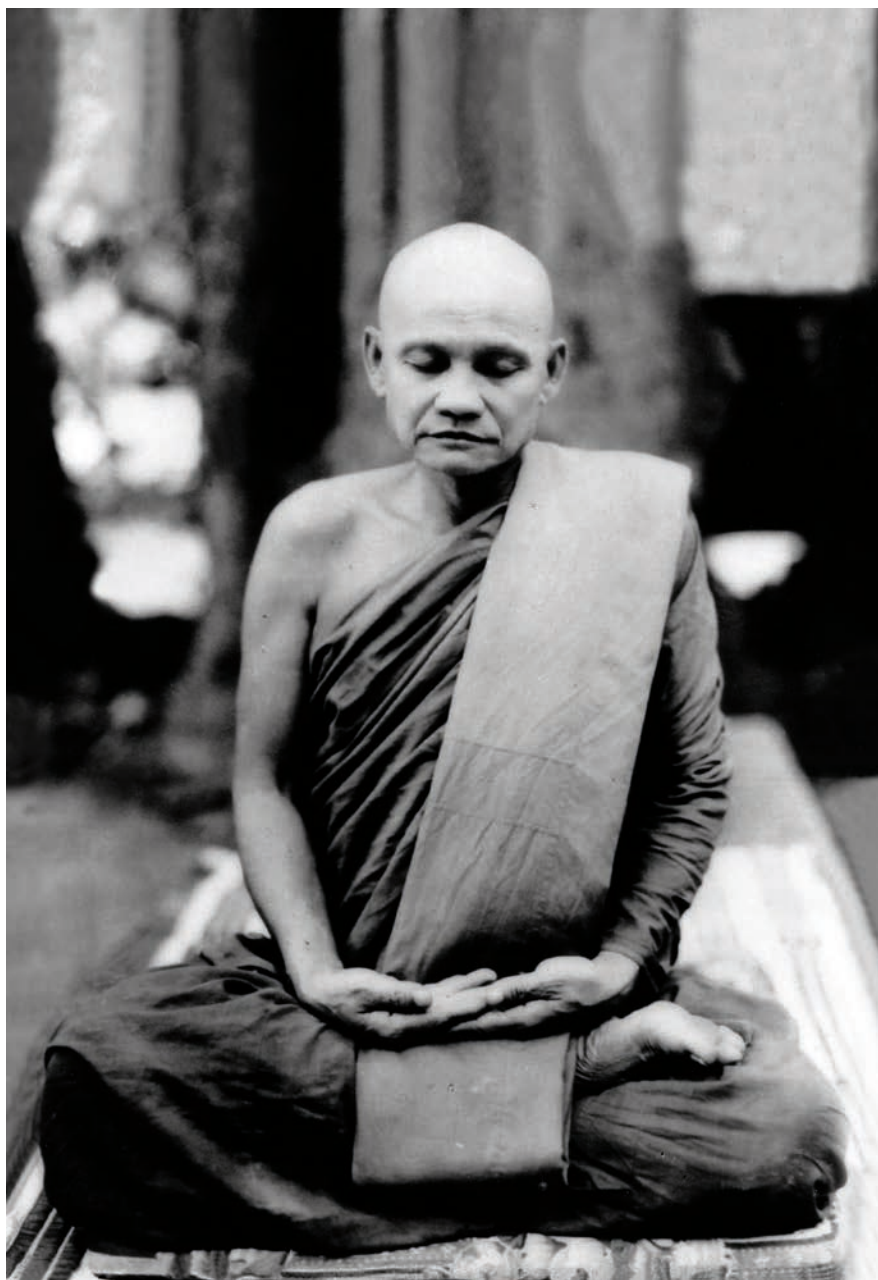
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*Anniversary*  
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2026 Calendar









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What is Dhamma?  
Dhamma is that  
which can cut through  
our problems and difficulties,  
gradually reducing them to nothing.  
That's what is called Dhamma and  
that's what should be studied  
throughout our daily lives,  
so that when  
some mental impression arises in us  
we'll be able to deal with it.

- Luang Por Chah -

# History

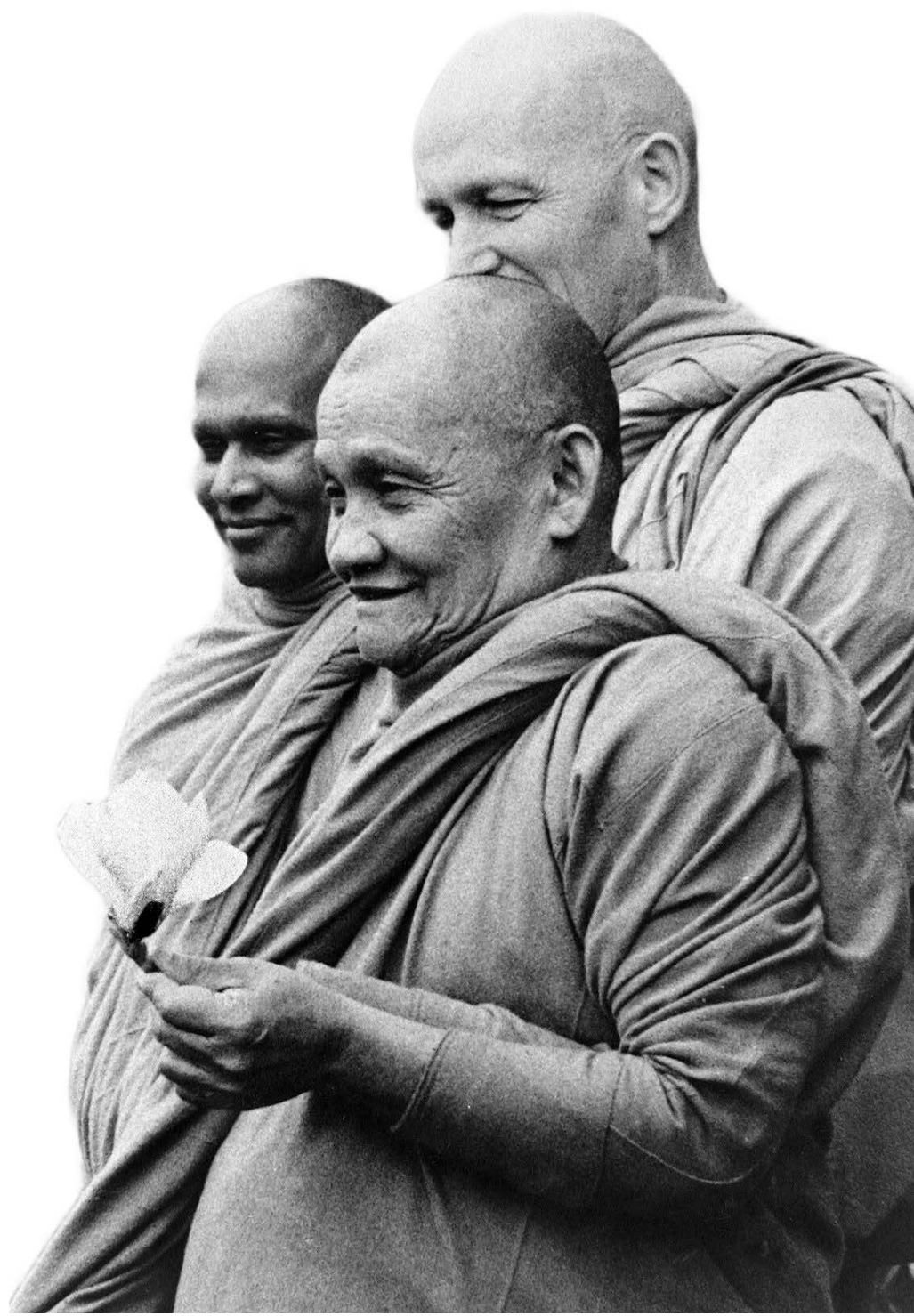
Luang Por Chah founded his first monastery, Wat Nong Pah Pong, in 1954. It was situated in rural Northeast Thailand, a region known for its tough rice farmers and austere meditation monks. The honorific title Ajahn means 'Teacher' and the title Luang Por means 'Venerable Father' - an appropriate designation for a bhikkhu who became revered throughout Thailand for his purity of conduct, great compassion, and the simplicity of his Dhamma teachings which were accessible to both local villagers and the more educated alike.

In the mid 1960s, the newly ordained monk Sumedho Bhikkhu arrived at Wat Nong Pah Pong. He was the first western monk to become a student of Luang Por Chah. Later other westerners showed up, including Pasanno Bhikkhu and Amaro Bhikkhu. Ajahn Pasanno went on to become the abbot of Luang Por Chah's international branch in Northeast Thailand, Wat Pah Nanachat, after only eight years as a monk.

Luang Por Chah eventually visited England in 1978 and the US in 1979. In England, Ajahn Sumedho established Chithurst Forest Monastery and later Amaravati Monastery, two training monasteries which paved the way for Luang Por Chah's teaching to flourish in the West.

In 1995, nearly 30 years after Ajahn Sumedho first set foot in Wat Nong Pah Pong, a meditation master of the Chinese Chan tradition named Venerable Master Hsuan Hua, just before passing away, made an unprecedented gift of land in Northern California to Ajahn Sumedho. In turn, Ajahn Sumedho asked Ajahn Amaro to head up the new monastery project, and Ajahn Pasanno relinquished his role as the abbot of Wat Pah Nanachat to come and help. Abhayagiri was born on June 1st, 1996.

Over the years, Abhayagiri has become a respected training monastery for Buddhist monks and laypeople who want to make a commitment to generosity, virtue and mental cultivation.







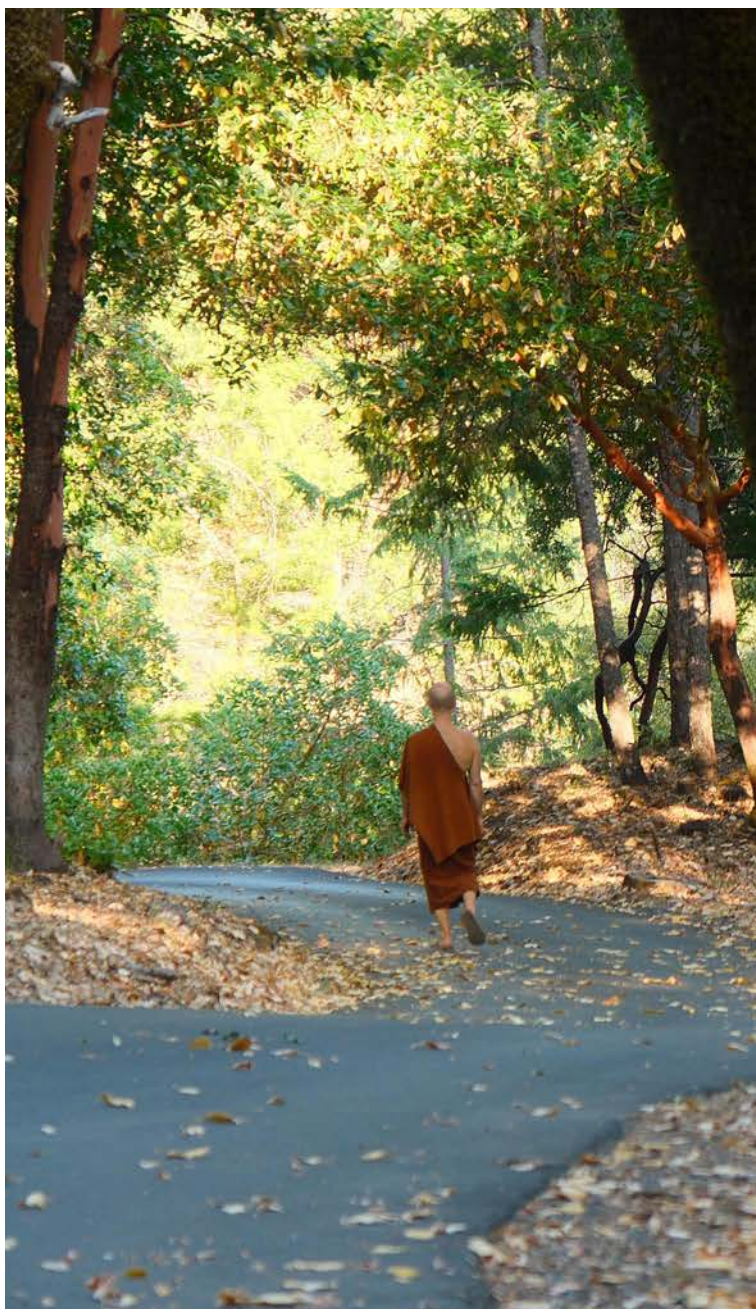
Look and figure it out  
Try and speak it out  
Go and carry it out  
- Luang Por Liem -





*Ajahn Amaro and Ajahn Pasanno - the founding abbots of Abhayagiri - 1999*





# Thirty Years

It has now been thirty years since Ajahn Amaro and I established Abhayagiri Buddhist Monastery. When we first began this endeavor, we had a lot of trust and hope, but not a lot of clear ideas about how we were going to move forward and establish our vision. We both wanted the focus to be on the roots of our monastic training: the ethos and lifestyle of Northeast Thailand's forest monks; and so that is where we began. Looking back on these past thirty years, so many things occurred that we did not or could not anticipate and yet so many of these new experiences were both a welcoming challenge and a delight to partake in.

When we first began, and all the way to the present, two of the things that have been a constant are the sincerity and commitment of those who came and wished to train and take ordination, and the sincerity and generosity of the lay community who supported and nourished this whole venture from the very beginning.

It is with much gratitude and appreciation that I look back on these thirty years and feel blessed to have been a part of such a noble endeavor.

May the blessings that have arisen from establishing Abhayagiri continue to be a source of well-being, happiness, wisdom and peace.

Anumodanā!

*Luang Por Pasanno*





On that very first evening, once we'd cleaned the house,  
Gotten ourselves sorted and settled, I remember thinking,  
"Now the monastery is complete, now it is done."

- Ajahn Amaro -

*Abhayagiri, 1996: A little garage for a Dhamma Hall and a little house for everything else.*



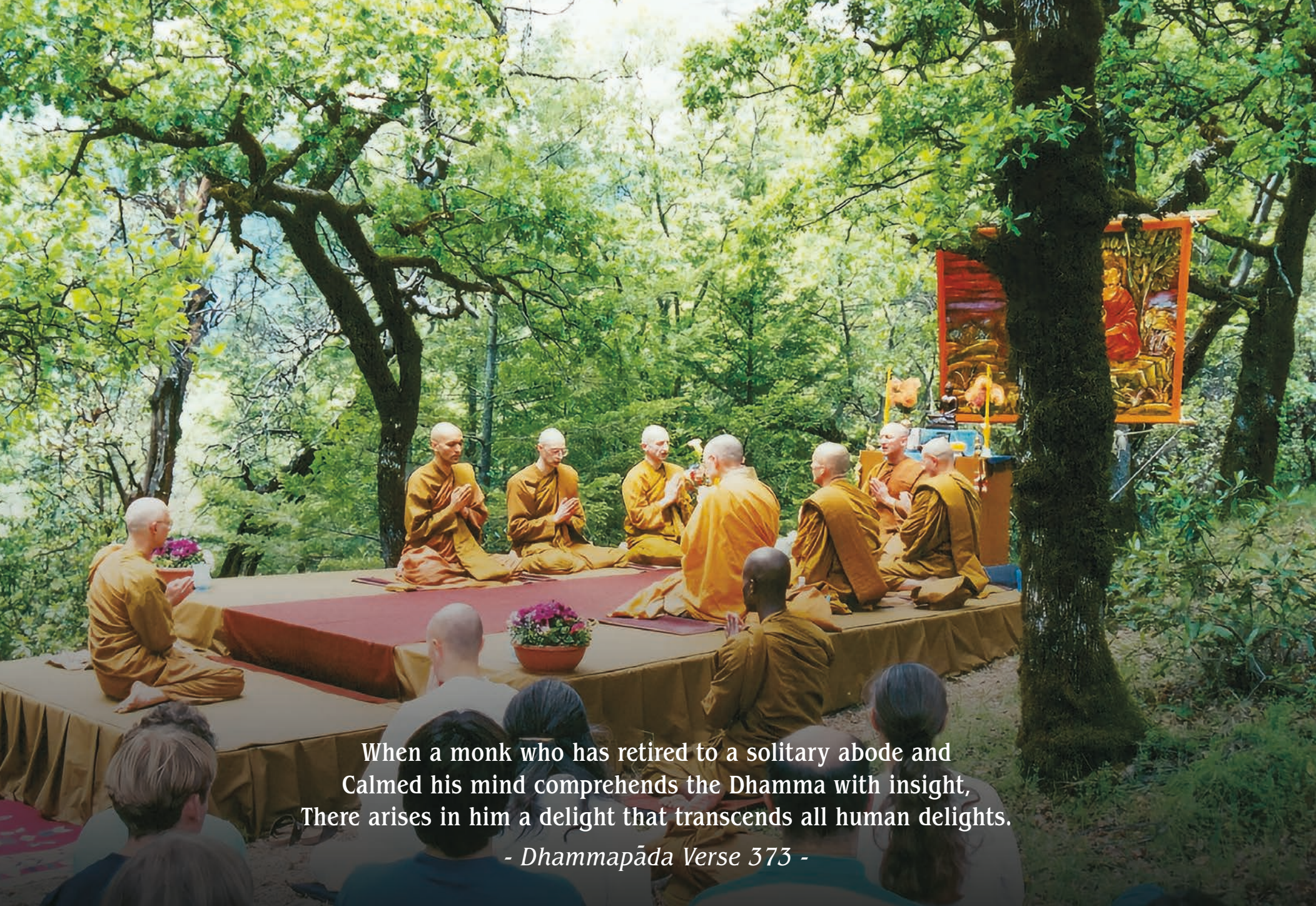
# January



2026/2569

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  New Year's Day Beginning of Winter Retreat	2	3  Full Moon 15 Days   Hemanta 4/8
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 ●	12	13	14	15	16  34 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Luang Por Chah's Passing Teacher's Day in Thailand	17
18  New Moon 15 Days   Hemanta 5/8	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 ●	27	28	29	30	31





When a monk who has retired to a solitary abode and  
Calmed his mind comprehends the Dhamma with insight,  
There arises in him a delight that transcends all human delights.

- *Dhammapāda Verse 373* -

*The ordination of Karunadhammo Bhikkhu, 1998.*

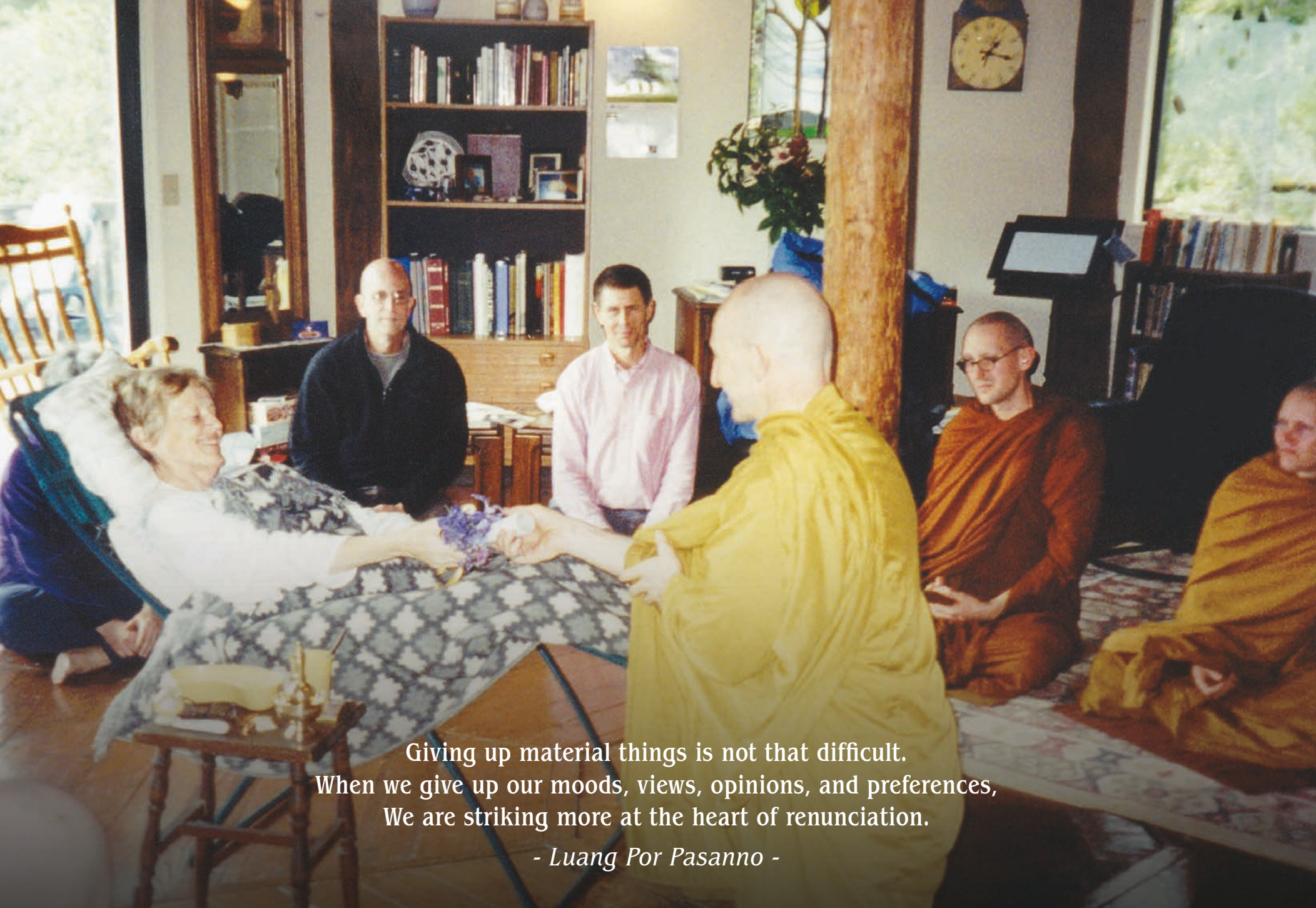


# February



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2   Full Moon 15 Days   Hemanta 6/8	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 	11	12	13	14
15	16   New Moon 14 Days   Hemanta 7/8	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 	25	26	27	28



Giving up material things is not that difficult.  
When we give up our moods, views, opinions, and preferences,  
We are striking more at the heart of renunciation.

- Luang Por Pasanno -

*Our neighbor Mary Curran, as she nears the end of her life,  
offers the deed for the Casa Serena house and land to Abhayagiri in 2002. This became the women's area.*



March



2026/2569

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3   Full Moon 15 Days   Hemanta 8/8 Māgha Pūjā	4	5	6	7
8  Daylight Saving Time Starts	9	10	11 	12	13	14
15	16	17	18   New Moon 15 Days   Gimha 1/10	19	20  Spring Equinox	21
22	23	24	25	26 	27	28
29	30	31  End of Winter Retreat				





The bowl and robe, they are the charitable foundation  
Which the Buddha established for us.  
With them, you will always receive more than you need.  
- Luang Por Chah -

*Each year on Songkran (Thai New Year), the community gathers to give alms food to the Abhayagiri sangha.*



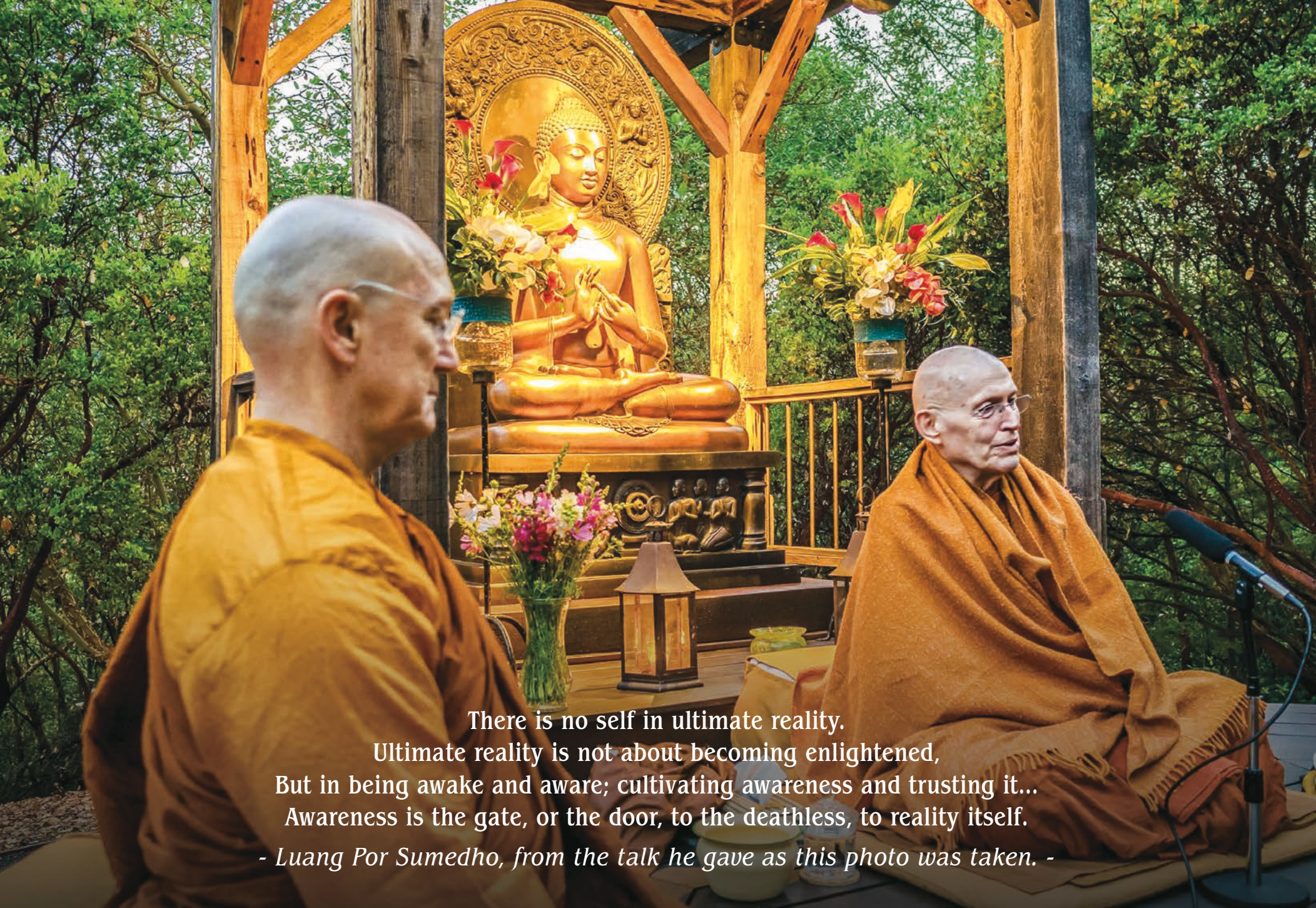
# April



# 2026/2569

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2   Full Moon 15 Days   Gimha 2/10	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 	11
12  Songkran: Thai New Year (Celebrated)	13  Songkran: Thai New Year (Actual - Start)	14	15  Songkran: Thai New Year (End)	16   New Moon 14 Days   Gimha 3/10	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 	25
26	27	28	29	30		





There is no self in ultimate reality.  
Ultimate reality is not about becoming enlightened,  
But in being awake and aware; cultivating awareness and trusting it...  
Awareness is the gate, or the door, to the deathless, to reality itself.  
- Luang Por Sumedho, from the talk he gave as this photo was taken. -



May



2026/2569

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  Full Moon 15 Days   Gimha 4/10 Labor Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10  Mother's Day (US)	11	12	13	14	15	16  New Moon 15 Days   Gimha 5/10
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25  Memorial Day	26	27	28	28	30  Abhayagiri 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Day 1 -
31  Full Moon 15 Days   Gimha 6/10 Visākha Pūjā Abhayagiri 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Day 2 -						





About this mind, in truth there is nothing really wrong with it.  
It is intrinsically pure. Within itself it's already peaceful.  
If the mind is not peaceful these days, it's because it follows moods.  
The real mind doesn't have anything to it; it is simply an aspect of nature.

- Luang Por Chah -

*Luang Por Liem and Luang Por Anek observe the pouring of the foundation for the Monk's Utility Building, 2009.*



June



2026/2569

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  Abhayagiri 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Actual Day)	2	3	4	5	6
7	8  ●	9	10	11	12	13
14  ●  New Moon 14 Days   Gimha 7/10	15	16	17  Luang Por Chah's Birthday	18	19	20
21  Father's Day (US) Summer Solstice	22  ●	23	24	25	26	27
28	29  ○  Full Moon 15 Days   Gimha 8/10	30				





Of all that is difficult - nothing is as difficult as reforming oneself.  
Of all that can be extracted - nothing is as difficult to extract as conceit.  
Of all that can be relinquished - nothing is as difficult to relinquish as sensuality.  
Of all that is merit - nothing compares with the merit of Going Forth.

- Luang Por Liem -

*The bhikkhu ordination of Sāmanera Cunda, 2008.*

*Tan Nyaniko helps tie a sash to hold the new sanghati robe on him just before his formal bhikkhu ordination request.*



July



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 	8	9	10	11
12	13	14  <div>New Moon 15 Days   Gimha 9/10</div>	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 	23	24	25
26 <div>Luang Por Pasanno's Birthday</div>	27	28	29  <div>Full Moon 15 Days   Gimha 10/10 Āsāḷha Pūjā</div>	30 <div>First Day of Vassa</div>	31	





On the road, there are lanes going in different directions.  
But the Buddha teaches us to let go of all of those, both the 'wrong' way and the 'right' way.  
So then we would be in the safe way, the safe lane,  
The lane that doesn't have a sense of attachment.

*- Luang Por Liem -*

*Two bhikkhus walking for almsfood on Tomki Road.*




# August



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6 	7	8
9	10	11	12 Mother's Day (Thailand)	13  New Moon 15 Days   Vassāna 1/8	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 	22
23	24	25	26	27	28  Full Moon 15 Days   Vassāna 2/8	29
30	31					





If for company you find a wise and prudent friend,  
One who leads a good life,  
You should overcome all impediments  
And keep their company, joyously and mindfully.  
- Dhammapāda Verse 328 -

*For many years now, Abhayagiri monastics have been visiting Yosemite National Park and the surrounding regions,  
to explore solitary areas and practice living outdoors.*



# September



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11  New Moon 14 Days   Vassāna 3/8	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 
20	21	22 Autumnal Equinox	23	24	25	26  Full Moon 15 Days   Vassāna 4/8
27	28	29	30			





If our house burns down or floods and  
We couldn't save it, let it be.  
But don't let the heart be burnt or flooded alongside.  
- Luang Por Chah -

*On October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the community had to evacuate from Abhayagiri due to an approaching forest fire.  
Local friends and supporters lost their homes, and most if not all their possessions.*



# October



# 2026/2569

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 ●	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 ● New Moon 15 Days   Vassāna 5/8	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 ●	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 ○ Full Moon 15 Days   Vassāna 6/8 Pavāraṇā Day	27	28	29	30	31





When a virtuous person to a virtuous person gives  
With trusting heart a gift righteously obtained,  
Placing faith that the fruit of action is great,  
That gift, I say, will come to full fruition.

- Majjhima Nikāya 14 -

*Sewing the kaṭhina robe, 2022.*

*When kaṭhina cloth is offered, it needs to be sewn and dyed before the next dawn. Everyone helps with the hand sewing.*



# November



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  Daylight Saving Time Ends	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 New Moon 14 Days   Vassāna 7/8	10	11	12	13	14
15  Abhayagiri Kaṭhina	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Full Moon 15 Days   Vassāna 8/8	25	26	27	28
29	30					





Come well, have the Dhamma always in your heart.  
Goodness will follow you around, until the very end.  
Go well, with the Dhamma raised up high.  
Goodness will be shared out, when it's time to leave.  
- Luang Por Liem -

*Luang Por Liem visits Abhayagiri, May 2025.*



December



2026/2569

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <div>☾</div>	3	4	5 <div>Father's Day (Thailand)</div>
6	7	8	9 <div>●</div> <div>New Moon 15 Days   Hemanta 1/8</div>	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 <div>☾</div>	18	19
20	21 <div>Winter Solstice</div>	22	23	24 <div>○</div> <div>Full Moon 15 Days   Hemanta 2/8</div>	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 <div>New Year's Eve</div>		





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