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Abbot's Message



*Namo Tassa Bhagavato Arahato
Sammāsambuddhasa*

As we come to the close of the year we recollect all the good things we have done. Our 40th Anniversary Celebration, our beautiful Dhamma courses, and the wonderful trip we did to the WFB Conference in Japan. We remember that the Buddha Dhamma is timeless – akaliko; timeless in this world where we live by time – past, present and future.

Akaliko means living in the present because that's the only place where the Buddha Dhamma can be realised. Akaliko is the theme for 2019.

*Whatever beings there be,
May they be free from hatred,
May they be free from harming others,
May they be free from hurting others,
May they be trouble free in body and mind,
May they preserve their own happiness.
May you be well and happy.*

Love
Anita

Important Dates

<i>Every Saturday</i>	<u>11am - 10pm</u> Dhamma Day Meritorious activities and Classes when scheduled
<i>Every Saturday</i>	<u>7:30pm - 9:30pm</u> Buddhist Meditation Class
<i>Every Thursday</i>	<u>8pm</u> Mahamudra Class
<i>Every Sunday</i>	<u>4pm - 5pm</u> Buddhist Hour live on 3MDR 97.1fm
<i>27th – 31st of December</i>	<u>9.30am – 9.30pm</u> Christmas Five Day Retreat Course
<i>Wednesday 16th January</i>	<u>8.00pm</u> Padmasambhava Tsok (Puja)
<i>Saturday 16th February</i>	<u>8.30am, 3.00pm</u> Vietnamese New Year Temple visits –

Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

Our Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser at Bunnings Warehouse Scoresby on Tuesday 6th November, Melbourne Cup Day holiday, raised \$636.19 for our Centre and \$132.85 in donations for Dhammarajika Orphanage in Bangladesh.

It was a great result and a wonderfully successful day.

A very big thank you and congratulations to everyone there on the day and behind the scenes, who helped and/or participated - from setup to pack up - in the meritorious and fun activity of serving food and raising new funds.

Amid the torrential downpour, with news reports of as much rain falling over Melbourne in 90 minutes



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(which seemed at times like much of that was on and around our BBQ tent) equalling the total rain for September-October, we happily and successfully served lots of good yummy snags with or without onions and sauces.

Thank you to our wonderful team of volunteers - Vinse, Julia, Sally, Joe, Trish, Martin, David, Udeshika, Jay, Enzo, Ali, Herro, Peter and Julian all working together harmoniously, efficiently and with lots of smiles.

Thank you to Claire for getting everything organised with rosters and people when needed, equipment, supplies, petty cash float, and what to do instructions all in place, before heading off to Japan for the WFB Conference.

The upside of lower than expected sales - due to lower customer numbers - meant we had quite a lot of onions, sausages (stored safely on ice) and lots of bread left over.

So, six loaves were donated to the local community through the Free Food Box at the Uniting Church in Tecoma, while some members also took sausages and bread home.

On the day following, after overnight refrigeration and careful packaging, with thanks to Emma, sausages, onions and remaining loaves of bread were donated to the Korean Senior Citizens Group, while packs of sausages and onions were distributed to the Bosal Nim (Kitchen Manager) at Namjamgsa Korean Buddhist Temple. Thank you to Bosal Nim for her kind donation of \$100 to our Centre to help with our fundraising activity. This brought the net total raised to \$629.19.

May all the merits of our Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser be shared with all beings and be dedicated to the long life of the Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd that the Buddha Dhamma be taught,

practised, preserved and realised at 33 Brooking St Upwey 3158 VIC Australia for at least 500 years for the benefit of all beings.

Sadhu Sadhu Sadhu.

You can also view photos of our wonderful Sausage Sizzle Team on the day on our Kalyanamitta Facebook page.

Article Author: Julian



Photos: Members and Friends at Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser



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Kathina Ceremonies

Every year, during the months of October and November, Theravadin Buddhist temples across Victoria hold their annual Kathina Ceremonies. They mark the conclusion of the three-month rains retreat in which members of the Sangha must reside at one location. They are an opportunity for the lay community to offer robes to Buddhist Monks and are the most significant merit making opportunity of the Buddhist calendar for lay devotees.

On Sunday 28th October, Frank, Simon, Julia and Brooke attended the Kathina ceremony at Sakya Sambuddha Vihara in Berwick. We were treated to an excellent Dhamma talk by one of the Venerables who informed the community that the term Kathina means weighty, or of great importance to the Buddhist path. The Buddha advised it is the most powerful offering that can be performed by a person as it bestows a vast amount of merit upon the practitioner. When offering a robe to a Sangha member, one is offering one of the basic requirements to a pure being, a person who has devoted their life to the Dhamma. Attending a Kathina Robe offering Ceremony is considered a ‘must do’ for any lay Buddhist practitioner.

Simon, Brooke and David attended the Kathina Ceremony at Dhamma Sarana in Keysborough on Sunday the 11th of November. A week later on Sunday 18th November, Anita, Frank, Simon, Claire, Destin, Vinse, Brooke, David, Jenny and Carol went to Wat Thai Melbourne’s Kathina Ceremony at Box Hill Town Hall. Well done to all those who participated in such meritorious activities.

Article Author: Simon



Photo: Kathina Ceremony at Wat Thai Temple Box Hill

29th World Fellowship of Buddhists Conference

The items below have been contributed by Members of our Centre’s delegation to the World Fellowship of Buddhists 29th General Conference in Japan in November 2018.

Simon: On the 3rd November 2018, Members from the Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) left 33 Brooking Street at 4:40am to catch a flight to Japan to attend the 29th General Conference of the World Fellowship of Buddhists. I hadn’t had a lot of sleep the night before as I was busy packing my belongings and ensuring everything was in place for my absence at work. Any activity associated with the WFB makes vast amounts of merit which made the lack of sleep manageable. Besides, I could rest on the flight.

The Conference in Japan would be my fourth, and I have noticed the improvement in my practice each time. I was only very new to Buddhist practise when we went to my first one in Sri Lanka, barely able to stay mindful for long and insensitive to the positive affect making merit has on one’s mind. This year I was able to stay in the present for longer and intuitively understand what is needed to



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be of benefit to the beings around me.

Working for the WFB provides the optimum conditions for Buddhist practise. As the work load can be demanding, there is no time to indulge in unwholesome mental activity. The vast amount of merit being produced helps a practitioner to float above negative mindsets, reducing mental distraction and anguish. The goal of Buddhist practise is to avoid evil by doing good, thus purifying the mind. When the mind is pure, it can perceive all the conditioned phenomena in its true form, that is, as stressful, impermanent, and not self. Doing so, a person can gain liberation from Samsara.

Despite not having much sleep, I was able to perform my duties as a typist and support team member for our seven person rapporteuring team at the WFB. I was able to see that tiredness, irritation and slothfulness are simply feelings coming and going moment by moment. They are not who I am and do not dictate what can and cannot be done. There is no need to be distracted by them or allow them to impede wholesome action. Performing thus, over an extended period of time, weakens negative mental pathways and emboldens positive minds.

Attending the WFB helped to build my confidence in the Dhamma and my own abilities. Frank, Anita and I helped to edit the declaration of the 29th General Conference of the WFB, making a valuable contribution to the wording of the declaration. Confidence expands and brightens the mind, helping it to find solutions and possibilities that are not obvious to the duller mind. Working together, we were able to select the appropriate vocabulary that conveyed the essence of what the participants wished communicate.

May you get an opportunity to attend a WFB Conference.

May you get all the resources you need to progress along the path quickly.

May you be well and happy.

Claire: The World Fellowship of Buddhists (WFB) conference is an opportunity for several days of focused practice and development. We find ourselves far away from the comforts of home. The many commitments that come with daily life such as work, housekeeping and family are put on hold or largely muted during the trip.

Being a part of a close-knit team attending the conference, under the guidance of our teacher, allows us to focus deeply on our practice. Our wholesome minds can be developed, and our unwholesome minds can be brought to the surface. It can be challenging at times, however we support each other and see these difficulties as a chance to grow and overcome obstacles. Quite often, what comes of this type of experience is resilience, a brighter mind, insight, increased capacity, mindfulness and a happy heart.

Our Centre has, for many years, offered our services as rapporteurs for the conference. Our job is to pay close attention to the meetings and provide clear, detailed and truthful records of the proceedings. My role during this conference was to work with Anita and Jenny in typing the minutes. In addition to this, in consultation with Anita, it was decided that my practice for the week was to cultivate the first 3 of the 7 factors of Enlightenment:

1. Mindfulness (sati)
2. Investigation of the Dhamma (dhammavicaya)
3. Energy/Effort/Determination (viriyā).

I worked on keeping my mind in the present through awareness of my body and my breath while I was going about each activity. If a strong emotion arose, such as anger, I would take notice of it and



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pause to investigate the nature of the feeling. I found this helpful as it prevented me from getting caught up in the emotion and in the situation, and provided an opportunity for learning. Sometimes the uncomfortable feeling would stick around, even if I could see why my mind had taken issue with the situation. In this case, I would keep reminding myself that the discomfort was feeling only, and that I can choose to apply my mind elsewhere. I found that this helped a lot and I was able to direct my focus toward doing wholesome actions. Usually after a few minutes, I would feel much more refreshed and happy to carry on with the task at hand.

I was very inspired by a number of participants in the conference; in particular, Venerable Phra Dr. Anil Sakya from Thailand, who is the recently elected Rector of the World Buddhist University. Watching Venerable Anil's presentation and listening to him speak about the incredible activities he has undertaken to benefit other beings over the last two years was, to me, witnessing a person who has truly perfected Right Effort. When he shared his ideas, the Venerable's zeal spread ripples across the conference room; I was left feeling invigorated and motivated to consider what I can be doing in my everyday life to benefit other beings. We have limited time on this earth and we should carefully consider where we invest our energy and time resources. There are activities ranging from those that bring minimal benefit to self and others, through to activities that can bring enormous benefit to self and others. Choose wisely, plan accordingly, and spring to action!

Jenny: In early November, I was fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to join the team of seven led by our teachers Anita and Frank, to support the 29th World Fellowship of Buddhist (WFB) Conference in Narita, Japan.

Our team provided rapporteur function to the

conference as per previous events. This involved primarily ensuring the WBF Executive Council has comprehensive, accurate and appropriate records of the key briefs, decisions, issues and forward action plans captured during the conference.

As a first-timer attending such event and a novice Buddhist, it was really an eye-opening and unique learning experience. On the surface, the tasks involved to deliver our support were straight forward and not that complicated. However, I was reminded by our teachers that it is not just about completing the tasks but approaching the experience and the tasks according to the Dhamma teachings.

I must admit, doing that wasn't easy, especially when I became unwell right before the conference and was even losing my voice at one stage. What a perfect timing for practice!

I remember I was initially having mini internal concerns about the early mornings and the degree of the details the minute review required. I had some worry if my illness would get worse and how that might impact the team work.

However, despite those initial thoughts and feelings, I was able to stay mostly focused on the task on hand and to ride the waves of unpleasant bodily sensation.

The team spirit I witnessed and the understanding given by Anita and Frank, and by my fellow team members (in particular, my conference room mate Claire) really had a positive influence and boosted my motivation to persist through the physical unpleasantness.

We worked hard but we also had fun. Lightness of mind was applied when we were weighted down by the heavy work load and long days.



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Anita and Frank offered kind reminders of our team goal, practice intention, to stay present and to have an offering mind. We also reminded each other at various points. These reminders reverberated in my head throughout the trip and highlighted the importance of the right intention, mindfulness and compassion.

The theme of this year's WFB Conference was Compassion in Action. I heard an array of great deeds that have been performed in the last two years by the WFB Regional Centres around the world. I was glad to see there was also encouragement and calling for more collaboration and unity to better achieve the WFB's aims and objectives.

A lot more was experienced during this conference trip. We had delicious food, made some interesting side trips to Tokyo and Narita town; we met and connected with other fellow conference attendees; we were inspired by some great actions with compassion and wisdom; and we were energised by the ambitious yet great plans of some Venerables and lay persons.

Now I have been back from the conference for over one month, some memories have already become vague. However, the trip gave me an unprecedented valuable opportunity to offer. Thank you to Anita and Frank for help lifting my mind when needed.

There is a sense of reassurance I experienced, that in the Dhamma-declining era, there are still many living examples out there tirelessly continuing the spread and observance of Dhamma teaching and practice.

The least I can do is to call upon the offering and present mind whenever in doubt and take refuge in the triple gem.

Destin: It was a great blessing to attend the 2018 WFB in Japan as a Member of the rapporteur team from the Buddhist Discussion Centre Australia. For me, the conference was truly a life defining experience.

One of the defining moments during the conference was when I had a glimpse into what it means to be an effective wholesome leader with the Dhamma on top.

I was able to witness this through the success of Venerable Dr. Phra Shakyavongvisuddhi's altruistic projects that he carried out over the past couple of years and also during a meeting where Venerable Phuoc Tan from Quang Minh Temple was present. Both Venerables displayed such a lightness of mind and openness of heart. It was humbling to be in their presence and an inspiration to witness their leadership fuelled by the Dhamma, for the Dhamma.

Mike: Our team operated with many fine qualities of practice. I was happy to be part of this team. The lightness of mind so palpable at the conference was just one cetasika I found instructional and resonant.





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Photos: BDC Members attending the WFB Conference in Japan 5th to 9th of November 2018

Christmas Five Day Retreat Course

The Buddhist Discussion Centre Australia will conduct a 5 Day non-residential Retreat Course from the 27th of December to the 31st of December at 33 Brooking Street, Upwey.

During the year our Centre was most fortunate to be visited by senior Theravada monk, Venerable Vimilaramsi. Bhante Vimilaramsi is a distinguished American Buddhist Monk with more than 40 years practice in meditation. He has taught meditation around the world and regularly conducts meditation retreats in Malaysia, Germany, Indonesia, South Korea, Sri Lanka and throughout the USA. One feature of Venerable Vimilaramsi's approach is that he relies entirely on the actual words of the Buddha as provided in the Theravada Sutta's and he says he and his students have found much success from this approach.

At the time of his visit to our centre we requested Venerable if we could conduct a retreat at our centre using his taped Dhamma talks and meditation instructions. He encouraged us to do so and offered guidance by his most senior Nun to

provide daily written feedback to each student based on their experience on each day of the course. Our Christmas 5 Day Retreat Course this year will be based on the meditation program provided by Venerable Vimilaramsi.

The program for each day will start at 9.30 am and conclude at 9.30pm with vegetarian and non-vegetarian lunch and dinner being provided, and will be conducted free of charge for participants.

Our Christmas break offers each of us an extended period of leisure time after a year of work and our busy daily living. Maybe it's the only opportunity we can experience a longer period of focused Dhamma practice. The purpose of our course is for participants to attain a new level of awareness, insight and awakening which supports true wellbeing and happiness.

If you have any questions please contact Frank on 0408 303550 or by emailing the centre on wbu@bdcu.org.au.

Article Author: Frank

Bangladesh Dharmarajika Orphanage

Our partner in fundraising for Dharmarajika Orphanage in Bangladesh since the mid 1990's is Ishka stores.

Over the past 12 months the company has grown rapidly and opened a super store in Clayton. Recently they have asked us to supply a further 10 coin donation collection boxes for their stores. This will bring the total number of coin boxes they have in stores to around 39 and should boost the annual funds collected from this source to over \$10,000.

Ishka stores now number around 50 and are now located in Victoria, New South Wales, Tasmania, South Australia and Queensland. We wish them



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every success and are very grateful they have offered their support to Dharmarajika Orphanage. It means many hundreds of people are in the donation field for the orphanage children.

Ishka recently advised that they will transfer \$4,657 into our Bangladesh Orphanage bank account.

Article Author: Frank

Chan Academy Program 2019

In 2019 it will be thirty-three years since the Chan Academy was founded in 1986 by Chan Master John D. Hughes at 33 Brooking Street Upwey.

The 'Way of the Brush' has been taught and practiced here at the Buddhist Discussion Centre Australia ever since.

The classic Chinese Chan painting method has many meanings; it is a Buddhist meditation practice. It is also a long-life practice. Chan, also known as Zen, is a Prajna Paramita practice.

John Hughes was one of the World's few living Chan Masters, and had painted Chan images for more than four decades. He also painted as a long-life practice and a way of thanking the Dragon King for helping him. John's paintings, some of which are displayed in the Meditation Hall, are profoundly beautiful. He once said that it is interesting in Australian nationalism to have an Australian painter that will be remembered for a long time for painting classic Chan in Australia.

Today John's Chan student, and our Abbot and resident teacher Anita Carter, teaches Chan and Chan painting, and guides the activities of the Chan Academy.

We are pleased to announce that long-time Chan

Academy students and painters of the four seasons, Chan Painting Master Melba Nielsen and Calligraphy Master June Young have warmly agreed to become Patrons of the Chan Academy.

Our Director Julian Bamford has been appointed as our new Chan Academy Manager, and Simon Kearney has agreed to be an assistant to the Chan Academy Manager.

Over the coming twelve months the Chan Academy program of activities will include: classes in Chan Painting. There will be eight formal classes over the year. They will run on Saturday mornings from 11am to 12pm and be held in the Meditation Hall at 33 Brooking Street. The class dates are: March 9, April 13, May 11, June 9, July 13, August 17, September 14 and October 12. The class cost per person is \$20. All materials: brushes, ink, ink stones and suitable paper are supplied. The Chan Academy also stocks some art material for students to purchase for their own use and practice. Bookings for Chan classes or enquires can be made by calling Julian on 0400 267330.

The coming year for the Chan Academy will also see a number of important and exciting projects initiated which include: preparing a history of the Chan Academy; production of a Chan Academy catalogue of paintings, calligraphy, teaching materials and written resources; a review of our current Chan Academy web page with the intention of creating a new Chan Academy website; and creating a new Chan Academy office and teaching space, with the repurposing of the Ocean Shed.

We will also be re-building the Dragon King Altar and the Geology Museum; as well as conducting a Chan Painting Exhibition later in the year; and looking to the possibility of running some offsite classes.



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All are very welcome to join in, to learn Chan painting, and to help with each or any of the projects, and so support the teaching and practice of the ‘Way of the Brush’ here at Upwey now and for the next 500 hundred years.

Article Author: Julian

LAPAM News

Whilst it’s not a perfect acronym, LAPAM stands for Local Planning and Asset Management. The responsibility of LAPAM include providing scheduled maintenance of the physical buildings, assets and surrounds of the Centre and forward planning to ensure our facilities meet the present and future needs of our members.

Recently some of our Members had a meeting to form our Centre’s LAPAM Team. The team is Frank, Simon, David, Mike and Anita. Any BDC Member is welcome to join us to help support our centre through these activities.

Our LAPAM Team has set up an online project planning tool called Asana which allows us to place all our LAPAM projects and tasks in one place which is viewable online. Asana will help our team members stay in sync with each other and self-allocate and schedule the tasks they wish to do, from wherever they can access the internet.

Other LAPAM news includes that the Shire of Yarra Ranges Planning Department has indicated we will be issued a planning permit to build our new Golden Pavilion Buddha House before the end of December which is great news! Our next step is to apply for a Building Permit.

It seems that we should be in a position to start work on this wonderful project early in 2019.

Leading up to Christmas our LAPAM Team priorities are Fire Fuel Reduction, to conduct a Fire

Drill and to prepare our Centre for Vietnamese New Years visits which will occur in mid-February 2019.

Some of these activities were done on a Members Working Bee held on the 15th and 16th of December when the old wood pile was removed from the site. We have allocated a smaller area for the wood store enabling us to extend our beautiful gardens.

Article Author: Frank

World Buddhist University

Our Centre is an Associated Institution of the World Buddhist University which has its headquarters in Bangkok Thailand.

Our Centre’s delegation of 7 Members attended the WBU Council Meeting held during the recent WFB Conference in Japan on the 6th of November 2018. At the university council meeting we heard about the appointment of a new Rector for the university, Venerable Anil Sakya. Venerable Sakya spoke about his work as an interim Rector and some of the projects he has completed for the WBU during the past 12 months.

All our delegation was amazed by the work of this wonderful Buddhist monk which included:

- Organising a project for Thai prisoners on death row to learn how to sculpt traditional Buddha images which were then sent as a gift to Buddhist temples and Buddhist communities in India.
- Teaching meditation to around 100 non-Thai women who are prisoners in Thai women’s prisons.
- Organising a conference of scholars from around the world to create a Buddhist Path to Sustainable Development Goals. (SDG’s)



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The United Nations has developed 17 key SDG's for governments around the world to implement.

- Being a key note speaker at a UNESCO Conference on Sustainable Development Goals.

One of the main WBU initiatives is create an online Buddhist Portal where students from around the world can view information about Buddhist tertiary courses available in all countries on one website. At the moment, without this data base being available, it is an enormous task for any individual student to track down the information about what Buddhist courses are available worldwide themselves by searching online.

We have requested Kieran Scott, who is the professional website builder who kindly built our website, if he would like to help Venerable Anil Sakya bring this remarkable vision to life. Kieran has offered his generous help to build the WBU Buddhist Portal.

Near the end of the conference Venerable Anil Sakya approached our Abbot Anita and requested if our centre would be interested in becoming a WBU Council member on the new university council. Anita graciously accepted the Venerables offer. The process for making appointments to the WBU Council requires the approval of the WFB which is the founding parent of the university.

The World Buddhist University was established in 1998 at a WFB Conference held in Wollongong Australia. Our Founder John Hughes put forward the proposal for the WBU along with Buddhist scholar and educator Dr Ananda Guruge. The work being done by Venerable Anil Sakya as the new rector will fulfil the original vision for which the university was founded and it is wonderful circumstance that our centre can contribute to this

mission by being a member of the university council.

Article Author: Frank

Slides Scanning Project

Our centre has a collection of photographic slides from 1976 to 1986 that document the activities of our Centre during this time.

Slides are a cardboard mounted transparent film about 40 mm square which were the form of photo that cameras produced prior to prints becoming popular during the 1980's.

With a use of a special scanning device we were able to convert the slides into digital photographs and save them on our Centre's LAN for viewing.

Over 900 slides were scanned in total. The slides include pictures from the earliest meditation courses held at the centre and give us a view of how the Centre looked when it was just a small hills cottage and garden.

You can view some of the slides from the collection below and on the Centre's LAN.

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Photo: students in the Centre's front garden circa 1978.



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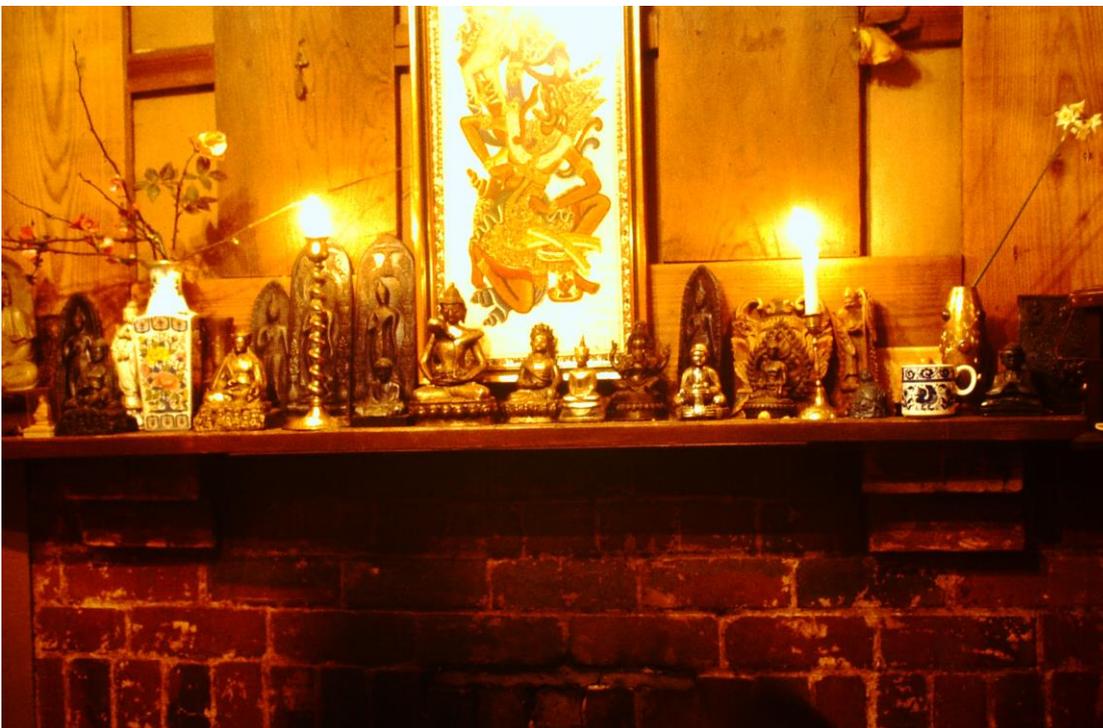


Photo: The Centre's Main Altar circa 1980



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Photo: The Centre's main Altar Circa 1983



Photo: Melba Nielsen (our Centre's longest term Member) in the late 1970's,