



International Buddhist
Meditation Center

40th Anniversary
Celebration

*40 Years of
faithful Service*

1970 - 2010

Program

9 AM- Reception Tea - IBMC Zendo

10 AM - Procession of Monks

10 :30 AM - Welcome & Acknowledgement of guest- Ven. Chitta Karuna

Words of thanks - Ven. Karuna Dharma & Ven Havanpola Shanti.

11:30 AM - Dana / Lunch- Monastics process to Ananda Hall for lunch and offering [offering of Dana By Nam Neguyen]

Lunch buffet in garden for laity.

12:30 PM - Clean up and preparation for blessing ceremony

1PM - Ceremony for Installation and Blessing of Founders' Statue and of Bodhi Tree Altar

Words of congratulations - Read by Ven. Chitta Karuna

Various monks chanting for dedication of the Bo Tree

Vietnamese

Pali

Chinese

Tibetan

English

Presentation by - Ven. Dieu Dao

Thanks and Closing

Long Life Prayer For Venerable Karuna Dharma

Mother of the Four

Immeasurables

Matriarch Lineage Holder
Of Immeasurable Compassion
Weaving the Holy Teachings
Of “Thus Come One”.

No tradition, no culture,
No gender, no belief
Hinders your open heart
Of Immeasurable Equanimity.

Effortlessly giving
Immeasurable Loving Kindness
The light of your torch
Shines forth for all to see.

Such gratitude we have
You blazed the Path
With Immeasurable Joy.

You’ve built a solid foundation
Where we can now stand
Together and pass love on to
every land.

May your life be long
May the years be good
May the Dharma flourish
May all happiness and goodness
come about.

May there always be the Auspi-
ciousness of your Venerable
Holy form.

This chant was composed by 2 of the 2004 Karuna Bhik-
shunis ~Lobsang Chuzom Karuna And Kelsang Chitta
Karuna ~ and chanted by all for the first time at the culmi-
nation of the 2004 Grand Ordination

It is hoped that Ven. Kaurnas’ faithful disciples will chant
this prayer daily with out interruption, publicly, or at any
time we wish.

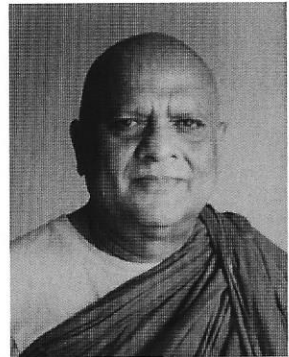
This 40th anniversary celebration is dedicated to our founders past and present. Venerable Dr. Thich Thien - An, Venerable Dr. Havanpola Ratnasara, Venerable Dr. Thich Nu An- Tu , and Venerable Havanpola Shanti.

May their guidance compassion, and dedication to the pure holy Dharma continue to be a guiding, shining light to us all and future generations to come.

May the Holy Dharma grow where it has not yet grown. Where it has grown may it not decrease, but flourish forevermore.



Venerable Dr.
Thich Thien - An



Venerable
Dr. Havanpola Ratanasara

Our Current Guides

Ven. Karuna Dharma &
Ven. Havanpola Shanti



IBMC

The International Buddhist Meditation Center in Los Angeles was founded in 1970 by Ven. Dr. Thich Thien-An, a scholar and Zen Master from Vietnam. He came to the United States as a visiting professor at UCLA, and at the urging of his students, founded the Center to provide a place for them to practice meditation and the Buddhist Path.

When Dr. Thien-An died in 1980, Ven. Dr. Karuna Dharma, one of the founders of the Center, became the Abbess. Under her direction, the IBMC Monks and Dharma Teachers continue the Center's activities. IBMC was one of four original Zen centers founded in the United States to cater specifically to the needs of Western-born Americans. Over ten other temples have sprung from IBMC, with monks training at the Center until they became qualified to establish their own sites.

IBMC was the first American temple to ordain Westerners as Bhikkunis and Bhikkus (fully ordained monks and nuns).

At the Grand Ordination held in December 1994, IBMC was the first to have a full ordination ceremony presided over by a woman and the first to have Western disciples of Asian masters fully ordain their own disciples.

The 2004 Grand Ordination marked the beginning of the lineage of Karuna Bhikshunis; Western Vajrayana Bhikshunis working to revive Vajrayana Bhikshuni Vinaya Training in the West.

Programs available at IBMC include:

- *Meditation instruction, daily practice, weekend retreats, and workshops.
- *Training of monastics and laity.
- *Ceremonies celebrating traditional Buddhist holidays and personal events.
- *Residential program for those who want a peaceful environment and more opportunity to practice.
- *Special Programs include a prison outreach ministry.

Sunday Service @ IBMC 11:00 - 12:00 / Dharma Talk & Meditation

The IBMC Monthly Guide/Newsletter is available by eMail.

Words of Congratulations From Friends Near and Far

My Dear Venerable Karuna Dharma,

How wonderful, 40 years spreading the Good Dhamma in LA. Please, accept my most heartfelt congratulations to you, our Venerable Mother, and thank you for all you have done for the Dhamma in general and for us women lay and ordained.

Metta,

Viriya Karuna, Spain

Que todos los seres sean felices Viriya Karuna

"Women who seek to be equals with men lack ambition."

Timothy Leary

Venerable Dharma Karuna,

My heartfelt greetings, appreciation and gratefulness May all your aspirations for the benefit of all sentient beings fulfill spontaneously, may you enjoy perfect health, well being and a long life.

With prayers, sincerely in the sacred Dharma,

Gelongma Lama Palmo

Austria

Hi Karuna,

Best Wishes on 40 years. I began my practice in the '70.s at IBMC, and I have many memories. I am in Colorado for the summer and sorry I cannot be there with you.

Cheers!

Diane Ross

Dear Venerable Karuna Dharma,

Congratulation and may you have a wonderful ceremony. I will be thinking of you from my retreat

Ani Tenzin Dolma

Dear Friends,

We would like to express our sincere congratulations to Ven. Karuna Dharma and to all the IBMC community on the occasion of your 40th Anniversary. You have been a truly pioneering presence in the greater Buddhist family in this country.

Sadhu Anumodana for all of the blessings you have brought into the world!

With all the good wishes of Amaro Bhikkhu & the Abhayagiri Community

To Venerable Karuna Dharma and the IBMC Community,

Congratulations and Best Wishes on celebrating 40 Yrs of IBMC

May you continue to have the blessings of the Triple Gem

Ven. Walpola Piyananda

And the community of Dharma Vijaya

And the Buddhist Sangha Council of Southern California

Venerable Dr. Karuna Dharma,

Since 1980 you have been the Abbess of IBMC Meditation center in L. A. How precious ! You gave many Monastics the opportunity in the West to receive the Highest Ordination in a very sensitive way. How courageous ! You spend your life time helping and encouraging People in an unflinching way. You give hope to prisoners. How remarkable ! You take care of animals like you take care of your own children. You never try to force someone reacting against their own feelings but you say always truly what is your own opinion. How helpful ! You always respect every religion in the world. How skillful !

Our heart and thoughts are filled with joy when we think of you, Venerable Karuna Dharma, when we think of your Center, and specially when we think of our Ordination time.

With great respect we bow down
to the Teacher
to the Buddha
to the Dharma
to the Sangha

We offer beautiful things, whatever exists in our mind
We ask you to stay long in this world, being a Guide for everyone who is in need
We do our best as Karuna Bhikkunis to be fruitful for every sentient being in this and other lifetimes...

Thank you for everything

Ven. Jampa Sangmo Karuna



Ven. Mudita Karuna



Ven. Sangmo Karuna



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Aachen, 24.02.10

Most Ven. Karuna Dharma, dear members of IBMC!

With deep thanks for the kindness of Ven. Karuna Dharma and for the help from the members of IBMC I want to send my congratulations for the 40. years of activities of IBMC, which give place to study and practise the Buddha-Dharma for the benefit of many people all around the world.

From far away I'm always with You in my thoughts, since I could receive training and Bhikshuni Ordination in the center in 2004, what was the most meaningful time on my dharma-way.

I send all my best wishes for the future of the center and for a stable long life for our most precious teacher Ven. Karuna Dharma. May all projects be successful! May all teachers and students be happy about this precious possibilities. May they all develop through their dharma-activities! May they reach the aim of Buddhahood and free others from Samsara.

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Dear Venerable Karuna,

How wonderful that you are celebrating the 40th year of founding IBMC.

I am always happy when I can meet you at the Sakyadhita Conferences and I very much appreciate the work you are doing at IBMC.

You really are a remarkable woman, one of the Eminent Buddhist Women we celebrated in Vietnam at the 11th Sakyadhita Conference on Buddhist Women.

Wish you all the best for the next 40 years working, teaching and meditating in IBMC.

Metta

Jampa

Dr. Rotraut (Jampa) Wurst

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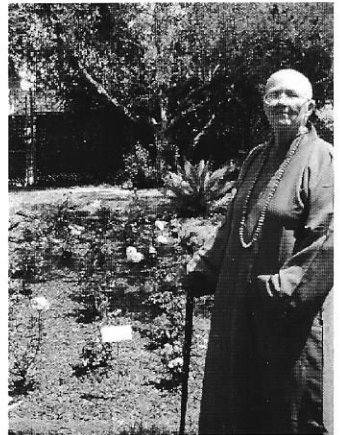
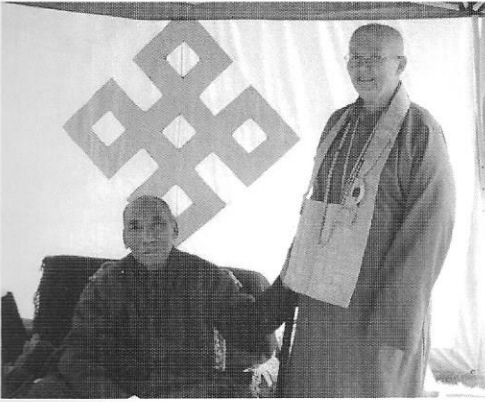
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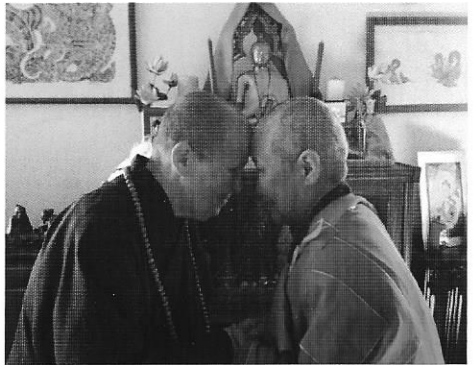
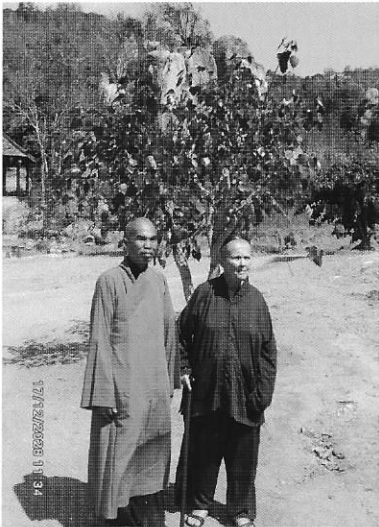
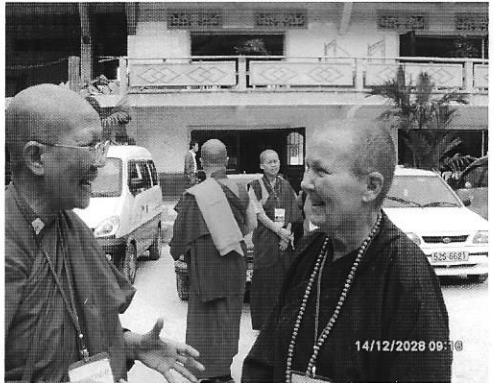
Congratulations on your 40th Anniversary! It is such a special occasion for you all. IBMC has an amazing history and place in the movement of American Buddhism and impact throughout the world. We offer deep bows of gratitude to you all. We will offer a blessing at our temple service during morning services.

With bows of gratitude

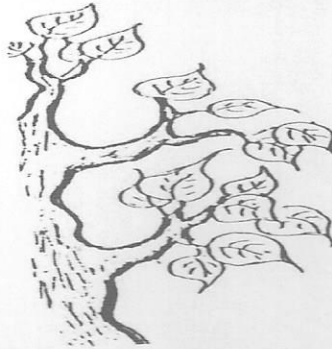
Roshi Egyoku Nakao

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Thank you all for joining us on
this very auspicious Day!



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