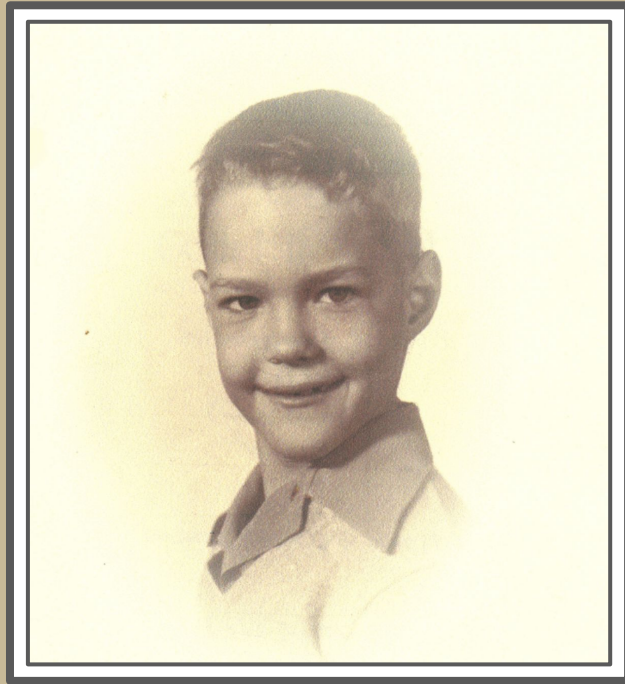




Tenshin Reb Anderson

Photo Gallery

Early Years



Childhood Photo

1950



REB ANDERSON, Shot, Discus
Top performer all season
Best Shot distance 55'10"

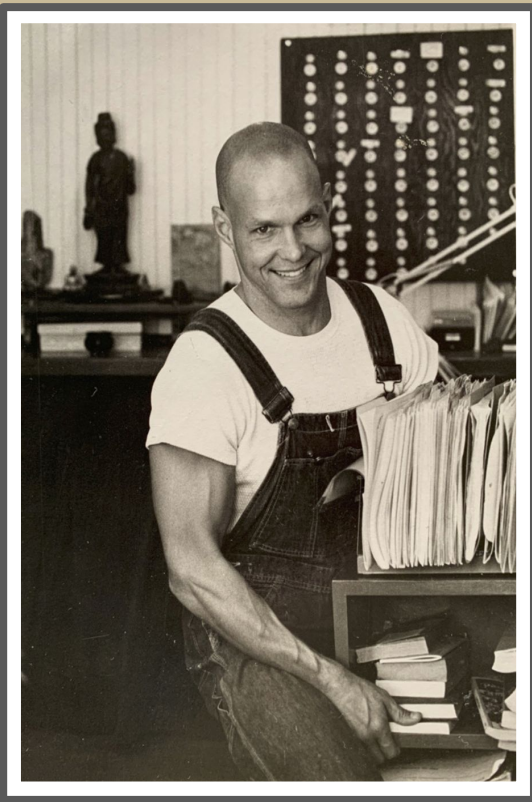


T. Grossman, D. Butler, R. Anderson, B. Halpern, D. Grossman.

CHESS TEAM

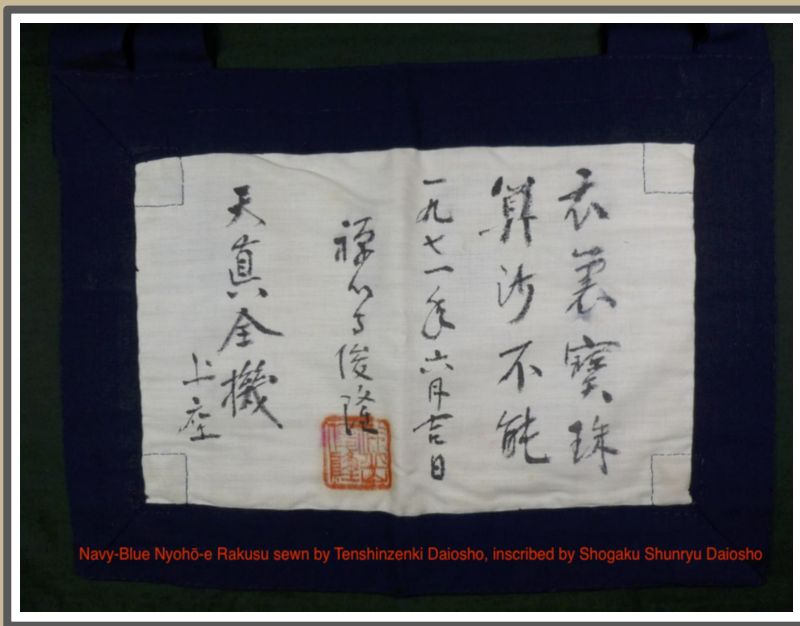
The Chess Club earned an excellent record in their first year of competition. Under their advisor, Miss Witherow, the South-west pawn-pushers finished fourth in the district. The players are Richard Grossman, Capt. Bob Halpern, Reb Anderson, Tom Grossman, Richard Butler, and Alternate Terry Cranston.

1970s



Working in the Page Street Office

1970



Tenshin Roshi's lay robe sewn by Tenshin Roshi and
calligraphed by Suzuki Roshi on June 15, 1971.

Translation

*Precious jewels inside the robe
Like the sands cannot be counted.*

1971 June Happy Day
Zenshin Shunryu

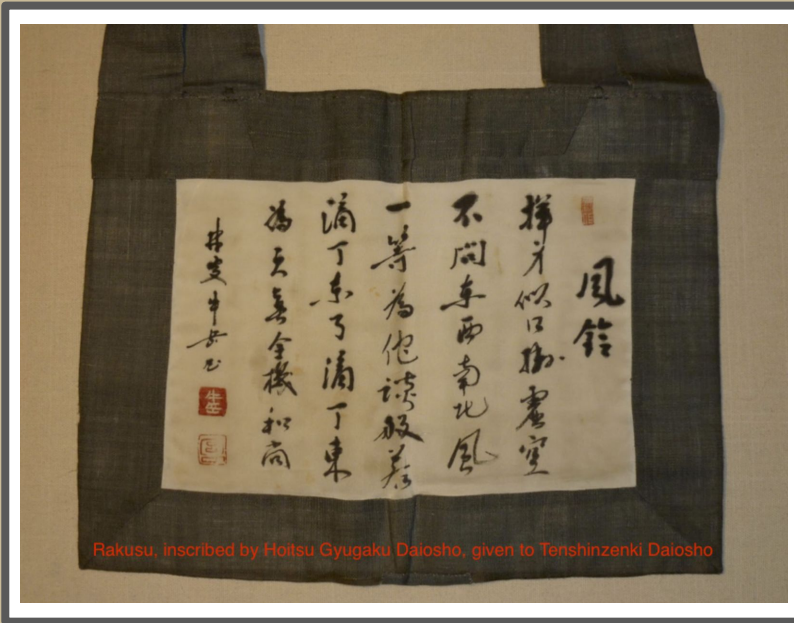
Tenshin Zenki
Elder

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Priest Ordination with Zengyu Paul Discoe

August 9, 1970



Rakusu inscribed and given to Tenshin Roshi by Hoitsu Suzuki. The inscription is the poem *Wind Bell* written by Master Rujing and translated on the right by Tenshin Roshi.

*The whole body a mouth hanging in
emptiness*

Not caring which way the wind blows

East, west, north, south.

All day long, it sings Prajna Paramita

For all beings.

Ting-tong, ting tong.

~



Nyohō-e Giving (and Receiving) Ceremony, Summer 1971

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Taizen Deshimaru visiting the City Center, 1970s



Visiting with Kalu Rinpoche, Green Gulch Farm, 1974

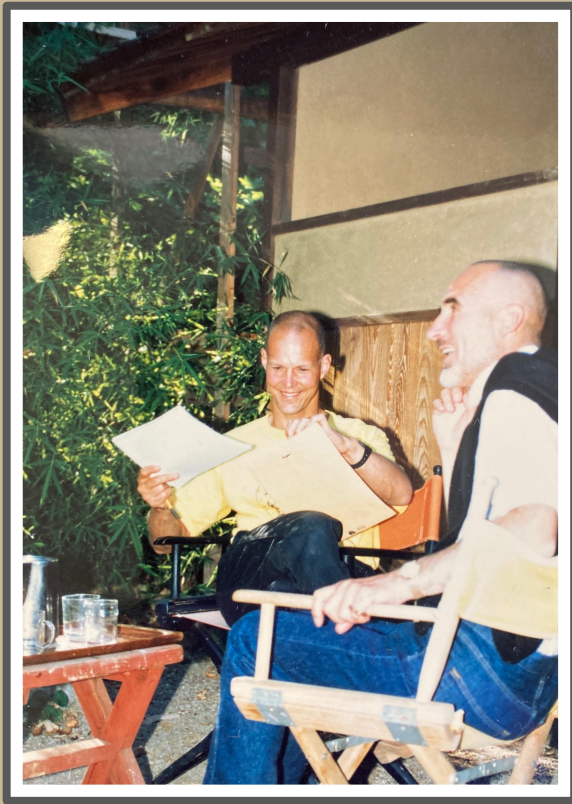


Green Dragon Temple

With Nakamura Sensei preparing a tea offering assisted by Jerry Fuller

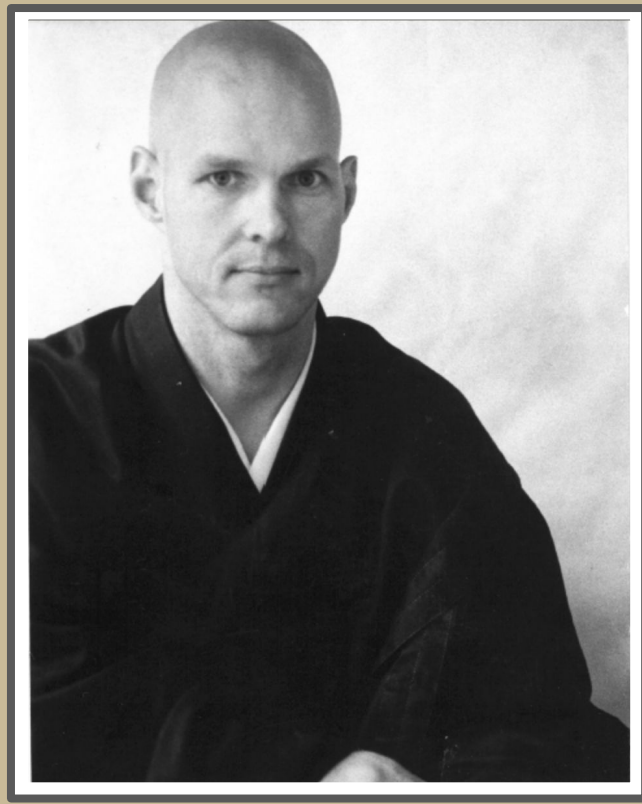
(upper left to right, Paul Discoe and Blanche Hartman)

1980s



Joyful conversation with Brother David Steindl-Rast

Tassajara, circa 1985



Tassajara

photo by Kobun Chino Roshi



Mountain Seat Ceremony, Hosshinji, 1986

Inspecting the Temple Seals with Sojun Mel Weitsman (left)



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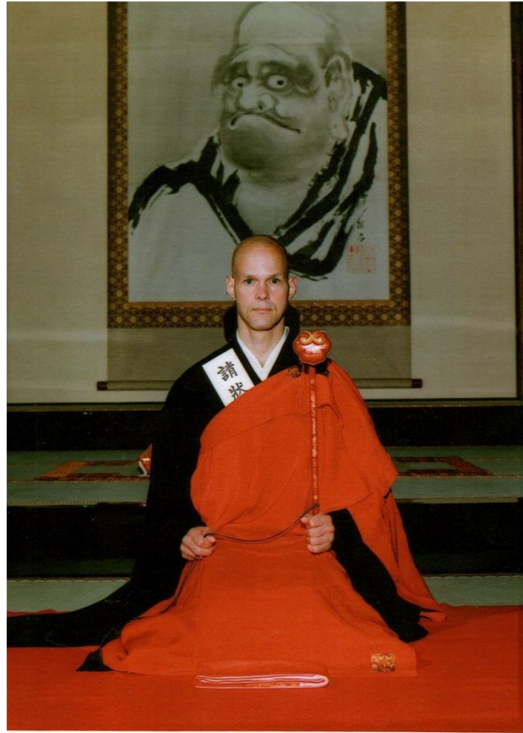
MOUNTAIN SEAT CEREMONY
SHIN SAN SHIKI
INSTALLATION OF
TENSHIN ZENKI REB ANDERSON
AS ABBOT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 1985, 2:00 P.M.

HOSHINJI, BEGINNER'S MIND TEMPLE
300 PAGE STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW

Mountain Seat Ceremony, Hosshinji, 1986



曹洞宗大本山總持寺 瑞世記念 平成元年10月



Zuise Ceremony at Sojji, 1980s



Narazaki Ikko and Dainin Katagiri visiting Hosshinji Temple in 1985



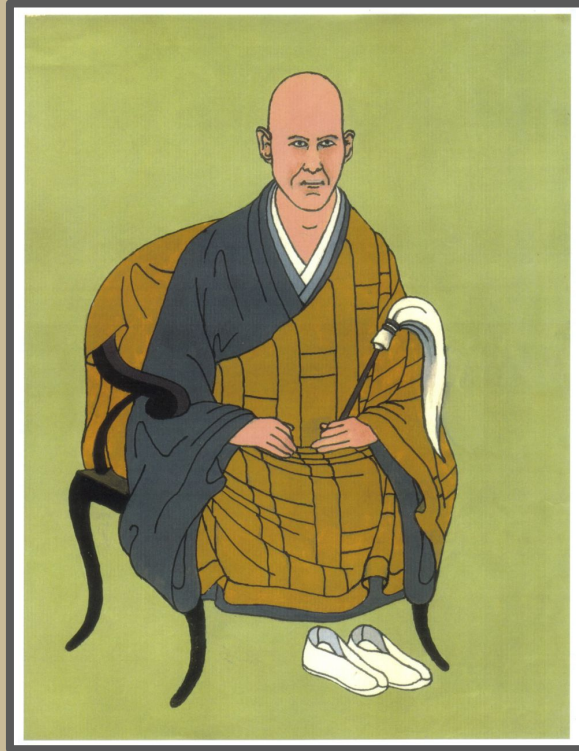
Dharma Transmission for Jerome Peterson, Katherine Thanas, Paul Discoe, and Ananda Dalenburg
Zen Mountain Center, Zenshinji, Spring 1988

(left to right, Sojun Mel Weitsman, Ananda Dalenburg, Zenkei Blanche Hartman, Zengyu Paul Discoe, Tenshin Reb
Anderson, Hoitsu Suzuki, Kobun Chino, Katherine Thanas, Jerome Peterson)



Celebrating the bestowal of Sixteen Great Bodhisattva Precepts, 1989

1990s



Portrait by Kokyo Henkel
circa 1992



Priest Ordination of Kokyo Henkel, Anbo Kutchins, and Ninen Kutchins, Fall 1994



Speaking with Norman Fischer at his Mountain Seat Ceremony, 1995



Shoji Pat Leonetti's Shuso Ceremony at Tassajara Zen Mountain Center in 1995



Tokubetsu Sesshin

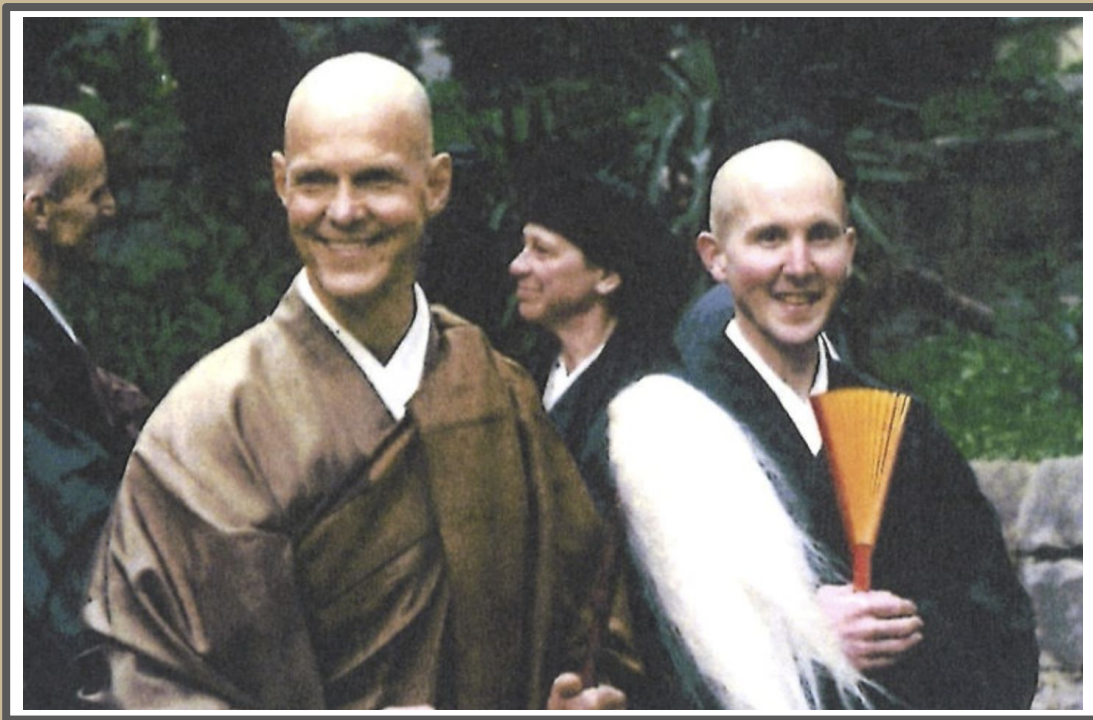
Zen Mountain Center, Zenshinji, 1995

Assembly of priests at the Suzuki Roshi Memorial Site
celebrating the sesshin.



Tassajara Zen Mountain Center, 1999

Practice Period with Kokyo Charlie Henkel, *shuso*



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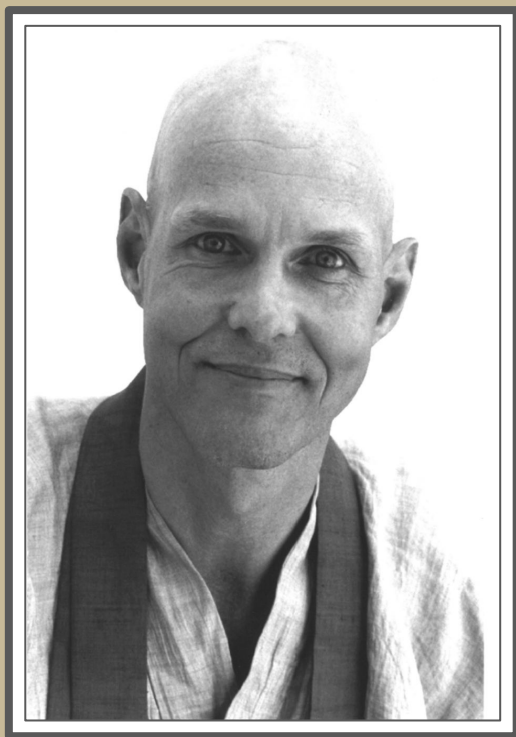


Green Gulch Farm
Tulips in Spring Valley

2000 to Present



Green Dragon Temple, 2003



Tassajara
2000
photo by Butch Baluyut



Zori Painting
by Kay Komito
2010



Kaiyo Diana Gerard's Shuso Ceremony
Tassajara Zen Mountain Center, 2003



With Rev. Taigen Dan Leighton

Tassajara Zen Mountain Center

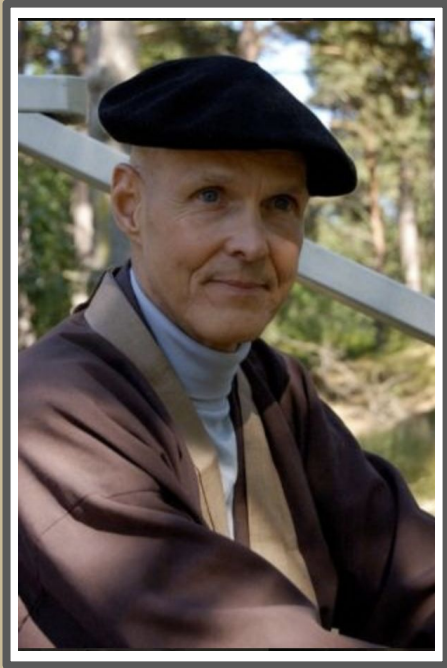
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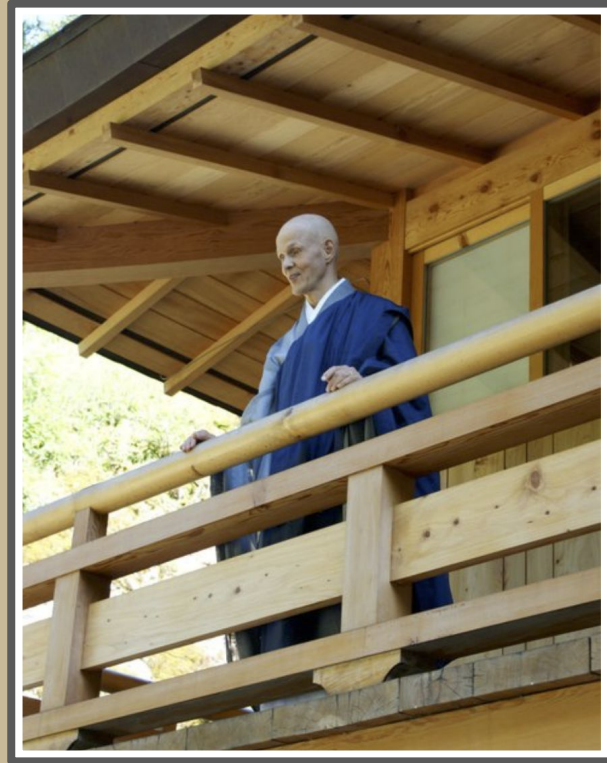
Tassajara Zen Mountain Center

(left to right, Leslie James, Eijun Linda Cutts, and Reb Anderson)

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Sweden
2000s

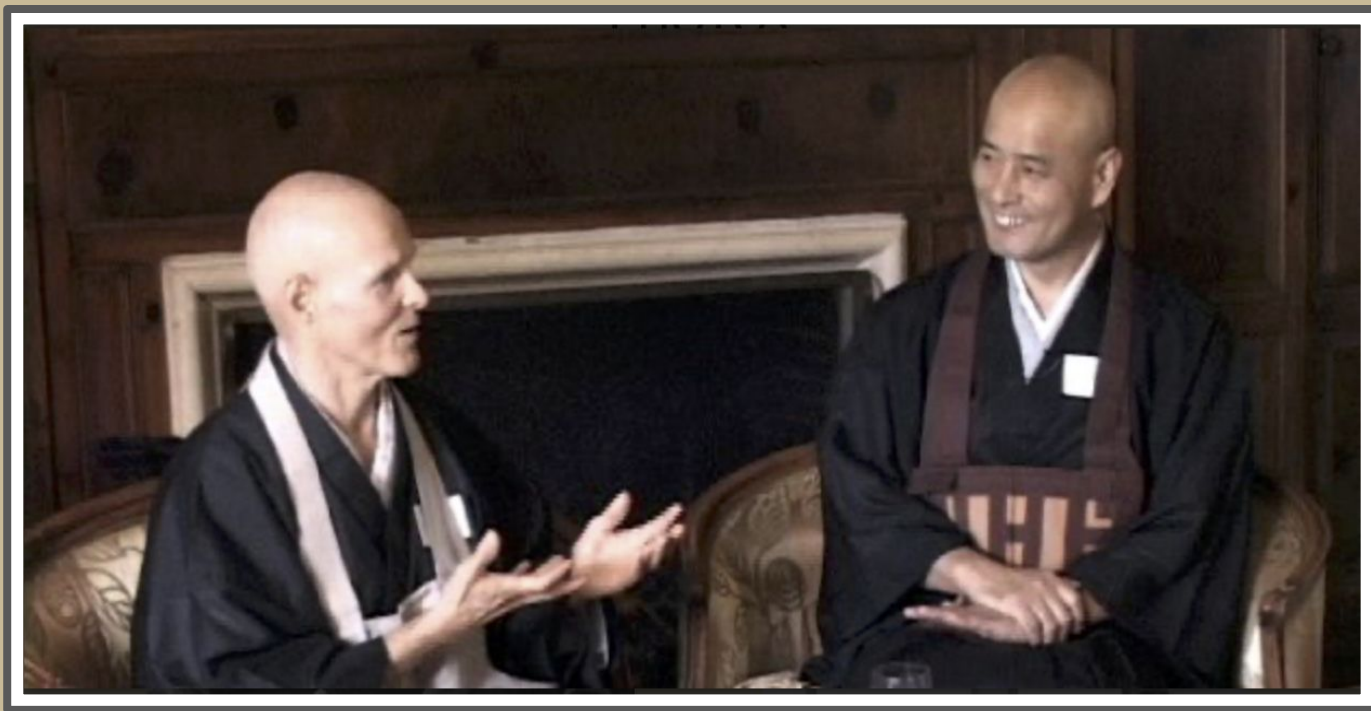


Felsentor above Lake Lucerne, Switzerland

2010



Pittsburgh Retreat with Al Schnur, 2007



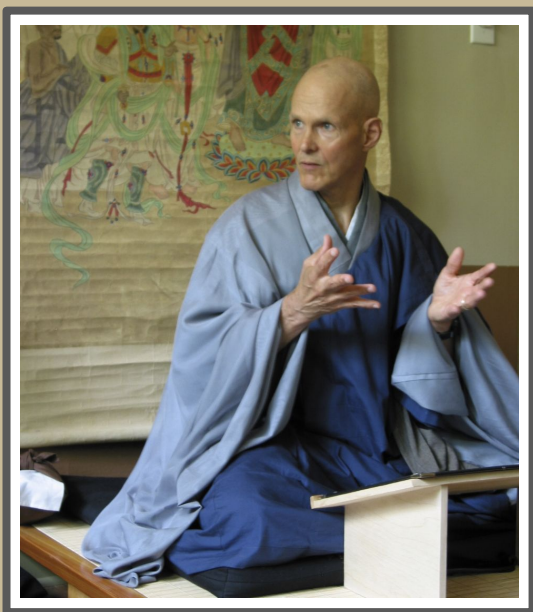
In conversation with Shohaku Okumura on *Genjo Koan*
circa 2010



Houston Zen Center Sesshin
With Tom Jitsudo Biddle, *jisha*
2016



Houston Zen Center Sesshin
February 2007
photo by Gaelyn Godwin



Houston Zen Center

February 2004

Photo by Gaelyn Godwin



Mountain Seat Ceremony

for Gaelyn Godwin

Houston Zen Center, 2012

Photo by Judith Keenan



Lotus Lake Zen Center

Houston Zen Center Sesshin, 2008

Leonard Rubin, jisha



Tassajara Zen Mountain Center
Fall Practice Period with Leslie James and Dan Howe
2017



Tassajara Zen Mountain Center
Fall Practice Period with Yuki Kobiyama, *shuso*
2017

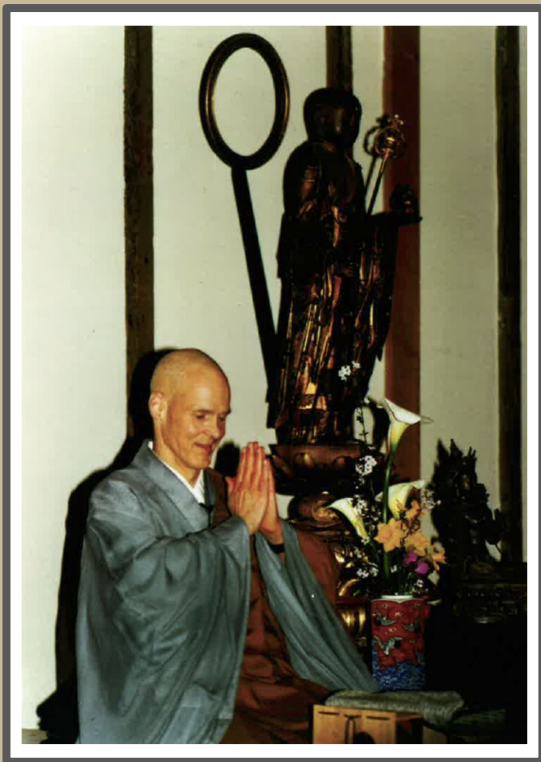


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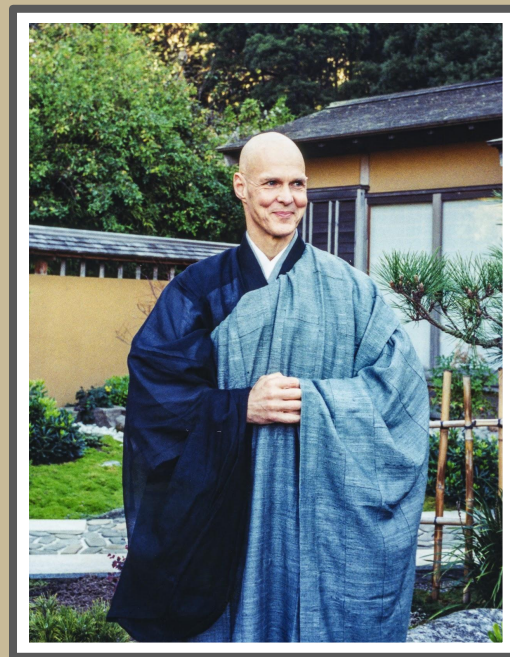
Fall Practice Period with Yuki Kobiyama, *shuso*

(Right photo from left to right, Yuki Kobiyama, Tenshin Roshi, Dan Howe, Barbara Kuchenhoff, and Eleanor Howe)

2017



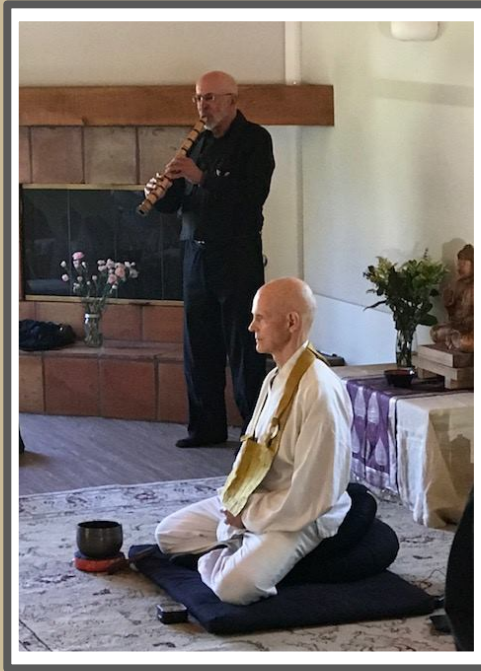
Green Dragon Temple



"Reb in Robes"

Green Dragon Temple, circa 2014

Photo by Taiyo Lipscomb

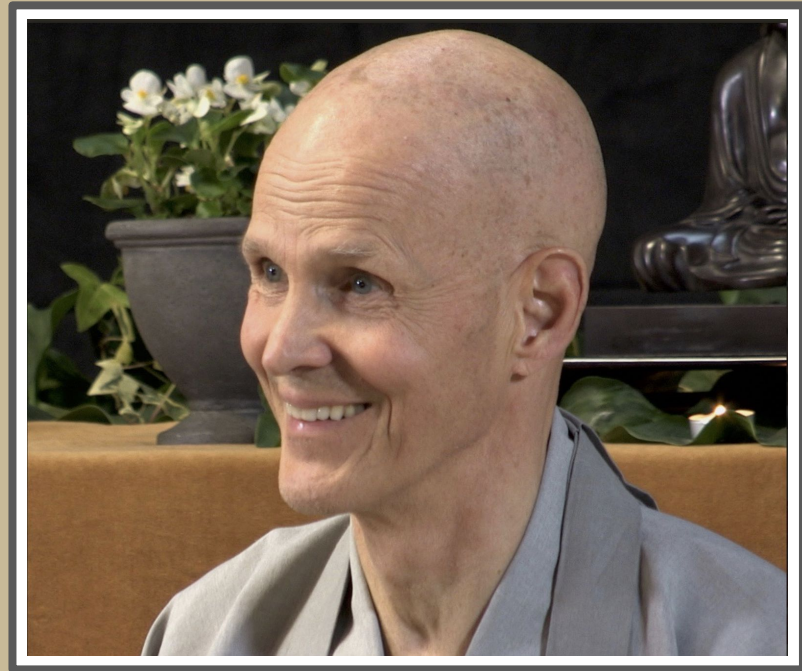


Santa Barbara Retreat



Mount Madonna Center

2011



Zen Training for the Welfare of the World Retreat

Sacramento, CA

2012



No Abode Hermitage

2000s

Photo on the left - "Antique Red Buddha Robe" acquired in China on a tour in 2005, given to Tenshin Roshi by Charlie Pokorny, Gaelyn Godwin, Kokyo Henkel, after extensive mending by Meg Levie and others.



No Abode Hermitage, 2000s
Wearing the Fragile and Motley Robe
("The Fragile Robe of Liberation"- [link](#))



January Intensive 2025

Great Assembly

Photo by Rev. Gyokuden Steph Blank

Photo Credit and Thank You

With deep gratitude to Barbara Wenger for her generous offering of photos to this collection with others to be added in the coming months. Her contribution to the record is profound and deeply appreciated, offering us a history of the unfolding of Zen in America through Suzuki Roshi, and a feeling for the joy of lives devoted to the Bodhisattva Way.

Thank you, Barbara.