

Moving Awakening Truth Forward

You are warmly invited to attend a gathering to discuss what is needed to moving Awakening Truth forward. It will be Friday, March 12, 2010 at 7:00 PM. **Location:** The Family Therapy Institute, 111 East Arrellaga St, Santa Barbara. Please walk up the driveway and enter through the office in the back of the building. There will be a sign indicating the entrance.

After 20 years of training in the Forest Tradition of Ajahn Chah, Ajahn Thanasanti now seeks to establish a vibrant community in her home country based on the profound wisdom and compassion of the Buddhist teachings. The aim is to create a training monastery for Nuns and a spiritual oasis for laypeople using the essential principles within the Forest Tradition; the monastic training and the profound interdependence of the lay community as a vehicle for liberation. The principles of the community will be based on the following:

- Tenacity and joy for practice in daily life.
- Fearless fidelity to the truth of essential teachings.
- Open hearted compassion that sees through conditioning of cultures, systems and emotional patterns to address suffering where it is present.

This vision includes:

- Creating training places for Theravada Buddhist nuns.
- Developing a community of like-minded people committed to Awakening.
- Practicing and sharing the teachings of the Buddha in ways that both embodies essential meaning and are relevant to contemporary society.
- Embodying for the wider community a lifestyle of ethics, compassion and renunciation appropriate to the level of commitment one undertakes.
- Continuing to investigate ways essential Buddhist principles take form in modern society.
- To live with ecological awareness and respect for nature.

In order to explore the possibility of realizing this vision, she decided to let go of formal affiliations with Amaravati and associated monastic communities.

Over 2500 years the forms of practice have evolved and will continue to evolve in the West. You are invited to participate in this conversation of to find out more about the vision of Awakening Truth, what is needed to move to California and support Awakening Truth to move towards realizing its goals; building community that is based on the principles of ethics, compassion and renunciation and how they apply in life today.

For more information look at the web site www.AwakeningTruth.org

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