

The New Zealand Bhikkhuni Sangha Trust Needs Your Support

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What do Bhikkhuni and Sangha Mean?

Bhikkhuni is a Pali word meaning a fully ordained Buddhist female monastic, and Sangha refers to the assemblage of monastics and the lay community around them.

Who established the Trust and when?

The New Zealand Bhikkhuni Sangha Trust was first established in Wellington in August 2012 by a small group of lay men and women following the teachings of Theravada Buddhism and inspired by a Canadian bhikkhuni, Venerable Ayya Medhanandi Theri who had visited NZ sometime earlier. The Trust was further inspired by Venerable Ayya Tathaaloka Mahatheri's visit in 2012.

What is the Trust for?

The Trust aims to :

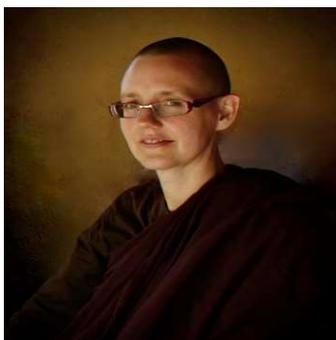
- Advance the practice and study of the Theravada Buddhist teachings in NZ, including through establishing a reference library, offering community teachings and meditation practice.
- Provide a residence for bhikkhunis to live safely, to host visiting bhikkhuni and lay women teachers and to ensure they are well supported by the community.

What is the link with Hamilton?

Hamilton is the home of the first New Zealand born Bhikkhuni, Ayya Adhimutti, who grew up here, studied at Waikato and Victoria Universities, then went abroad to Thailand, America, Australia, Sri Lanka and Burma on her monastic journey.

In 2010 Ayya ordained as a bhikkhuni with Venerable Ayya Tathaaloka Mahatheri as her preceptor and Bhante Henepola Gunaratana as the Ovadakacariya.

In 2011 when Ayya was home for a time in Hamilton, the seed was planted for her to one day establish a Bhikkhuni Centre in Hamilton. Over the subsequent years, Ayya's vision consolidated whilst she pursued meditation and dhamma study. The visit to NZ of Venerable Ayya Tathaaloka Mahatheri in 2012 and again 2017 provided further stimulus. Following Ayya Adhimutti's return to NZ in March 2021 and with encouragement from the Waikato Compassion Meditation Centre, she is now ready to bring her vision into reality.



How can you support the establishment of a Bhikkhuni residence?

- Firstly we need your *financial support* to help in the purchase of a suitable **residence** in Hamilton.
- Contributions towards the *ongoing running of this residence* will also be essential. You may like to make a monthly donation.
- *Offering meals* and pantry items will be a wonderful opportunity for practicing generosity (dana)
- Providing *material support* for the bhikkhuni's health and welfare, as well as household items and transport.

How can you make a monetary donation?

You can make a one-off donation or set up a monthly automatic payment.

Donate by Bank deposit or internet banking to:

Account name: New Zealand Bhikkhuni Sangha Trust

Account Number: 38 9017 0491759-00 (KiwiBank)

Reference: Please put your name

PayPal Donation: Please follow online steps on our website.

Tax credit: Available to all donations greater than \$5 to the Trust

Receipt: A receipt will be issued. Please send an email to nz.bhikkhunitrust@gmail.com to notify us of your donation and how you wish it to be used.

Who are the current trustees?

Current trustees at 2021: Chairperson - Penelope Trevathan; Treasurer - Janice Hill; Secretary - Erica Weerekoon; Committee - Dushyanthi Samarasinghe; Prasanthi Amerasinghe.

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Please visit our website: <https://bhikkhuni-sangha.org.nz>

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