



San Fran Dhammaram Temple

e-Newsletter March 2022

Hello Spring! As we move toward the endemic stage of the COVID-19 pandemic and ease back into normal patterns of life, we have noticed an uptick in temple attendance. Most recently, we were glad to see many familiar faces during the New Year's chanting, New Year almsround and Magha Puja ceremonies.



Introducing Our New Resident Monks

Earlier this year, we welcomed three Dhammaduta (Dhamma missionary) monks from Thailand.



Phra Phongphan Kangnok comes to us from Wat Kamphaeng Phet, where he has been ordained as a monk for eleven vassas (years). He is especially skilled in chanting and chants the monastic code of discipline (Patimokkha) every fortnight.



Phra Manoon Hongphan is from Ubon Ratchathani province. He has been a monk for eight vassas and previously resided at Wat Pracha Ransarit. His peaceful smile welcomes temple visitors wishing to make a Sangha Dana offering.



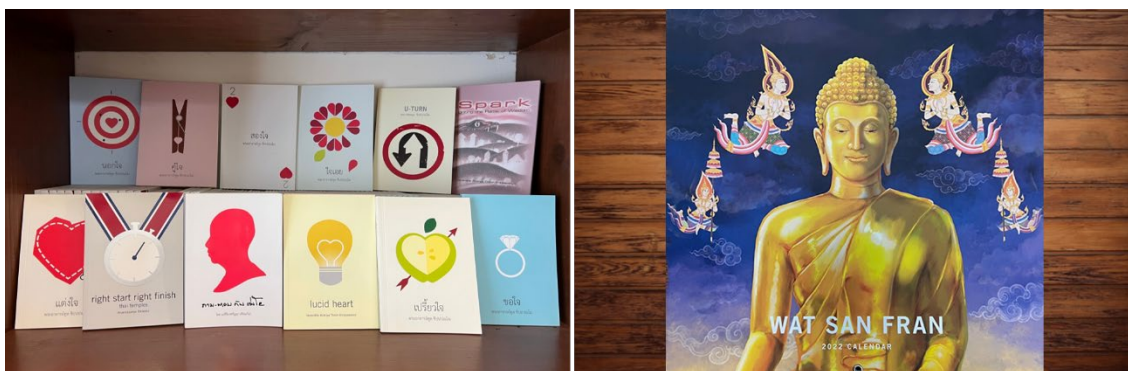
Phra Wantun Maneechoemwong is originally from Buri Ram province. He has spent his six vassas at Wat Tat Nam Phu (where he was ordained) and Wat Pa Ban Koh, both of which are Acariya Thoon's temples. He is known for his friendly personality and skilled craftsmanship.

Please feel free to stop by and talk to our monks and nuns about any issue that concerns you. We are here to listen in your time of need.

Projects

Wat San Fran has been working on a number of projects including:

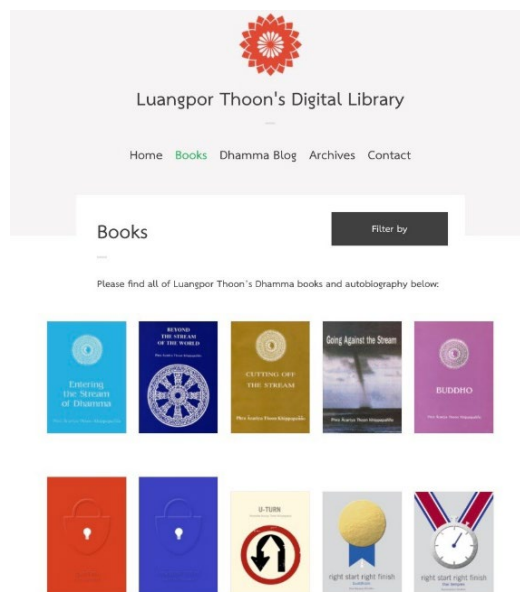
Dhamma Book Printing:



Every year Wat San Fran publishes a themed calendar filled with Dhamma teachings to guide you throughout the year. If you haven't picked up a 2022 calendar yet, please stop by.

For the first time since Luang Por Thoon's Autobiography was originally published in 2005, a complete English translation will be available to help practitioners learn about the life experiences and Dhamma path of one of the great arahants of this era. Both Thai and English versions will be printed later this year. If you wish to contribute to the cost of printing, you may do so through the usual channels below.

Digital Dhamma Library:



You can find a collection of Acariya Thoon's Thai and English books to download for free at <http://luangporthoon.net/>. Our most recent addition is Treasure Trove, a series of sermons Acariya Thoon gave at his first Dhamma retreat in America.

Food Offering Sponsor:



The daily brunch offering to the Watsanfran Sangha takes place at 11 a.m. If you wish to offer food but are unable to make the offering in person, you can make a donation and the kitchen team at Watsanfran will prepare food and offer it on your behalf.

New York Dhammaram Temple Uposatha Hall:

Our sister temple, New York Dhammaram Temple, has undertaken the task of building an Uposatha (ordination hall). Don't let this rare and auspicious merit making opportunity pass you by!

The Buddha once stated in the Velama Sutta that building a temple and dedicating it to the Sangha results in greater merit than making merit with 100 arahants and even greater than making merit to the Buddha himself. This is truly a great opportunity.

For more information, see the video below



[New Uposatha of New York Dhammaram Temple](#)

Practice Schedule



Daily Chanting

Morning Chanting: 6:30 a.m.

Evening Chanting: 6:00 p.m.

Dhamma Class

Saturday 1 p.m. (at the temple and through Zoom)

Eight Precept Observances

March 25-27

April 15-17

May 20-22

How to Donate

1. Checks are payable to “San Fran Dhammaram Temple”

Checks can be dropped off or mailed to:

San Fran Dhammaram Temple

2645 Lincoln Way,

San Francisco, CA 94122

2. Venmo @watsanfran

3. PayPal Giving Fund

<https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1902037>

Please send your PayPal slip with a note denoting the name of the project you are contributing to LINE @watsanfran or Email:

watsanfran@yahoo.com

Going Paperless

Help us go paperless! Starting this year, all newsletters and donation receipts will be sent out via email (unless a paper copy is specifically requested).

If you haven't done so already, please provide us with your email (send a message to watsanfran@yahoo.com).

Watsanfran School



Watsanfran School was founded to provide opportunities for Thai American Children to learn about their roots. At our school, the children learn Thai language, Thai culture, music, and dance.

If you are interested in enrolling a child in our upcoming Summer session, contact Kru Ting at watsanfranschool@gmail.com

Save the Date

April 3, 2022

Acting Abbot Phra Kru Palat Anandapanyo's birthday is April 3. For his birthday, we would like to express our appreciation and respect by making a group donation to him. Phra Kru Palat will donate all the funds to the cost of printing the newly translated autobiography of Acariya Thoon. If you would like to make a donation for his birthday, you can contribute through the channels above.

April 17, 2022



As long as the COVID-19 situation in San Francisco does not worsen, we plan to have a Songkran event at Watsanfran on Sunday, April 17, 2022.

May 20, 2022

May 20 is Acariya Thoon's birthday, Phra Kru Palat Anandapanyo's ordination anniversary, and Mae Neecha's birthday. We invite you to join in making a group donation. Phra Kru Palat Anandapanyo and Mae Neecha will pick worthy causes to support with the funds.

June 20-26, 2022

Watsanfran will resume our annual Dhamma retreat this year. Sessions will be held in Thai and English. Those who observe the Eight Precepts will be invited to stay overnight. However, keep in mind that space is limited.

Keep in Touch With Us

Social Media

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Facebook: [@Watsanfran](https://www.facebook.com/Watsanfran)

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"Any merit (puñña) or wholesomeness (kusala) that is performed through right action, speech, or thought produces desirable results...Wherever you are reborn, that merit and wholesomeness is bound to be able to alleviate suffering as relative causes and conditions allow."

Venerable Ācariya Thoon Khippapañño
[Beyond the Stream of the World](#)