



San Fran Dhammaram Temple

Watsanfran's Quarterly Newsletter
(Summer 2022)



Greetings!

Over the past few months, our community came together for many activities, most notably

Songkran — the Thai New Year

Visakha Puja — also known as Vesak, or the auspicious day that commemorates the birth, enlightenment, and death of the Buddha.

On March 28, 2022, we lost a beloved longtime temple devotee, Khun Curtis Wong. During the seven-day memorial for Curtis held at Watsanfran, Curtis' family, colleagues, and friends came together to reflect on the positive impact he had on everyone's lives and to show support for his wife Khun Meaw and his college-bound son Jason. Curtis' selflessness, deep sense of responsibility, and integrity were common themes that shone through in the stories told by all those who knew and loved Curtis - whether those recollections involved IRS investigations, jiu-jitsu, courting Khun Meaw, or teaching his foodie friends how to make kanom pia. Curtis' dedication to self-improvement is an inspiration to all Buddhists and he will be greatly missed by the Watsanfran community.

Watsanfran is here for you and is ready to help you through whatever life throws at you. If you need help or support, just ask.



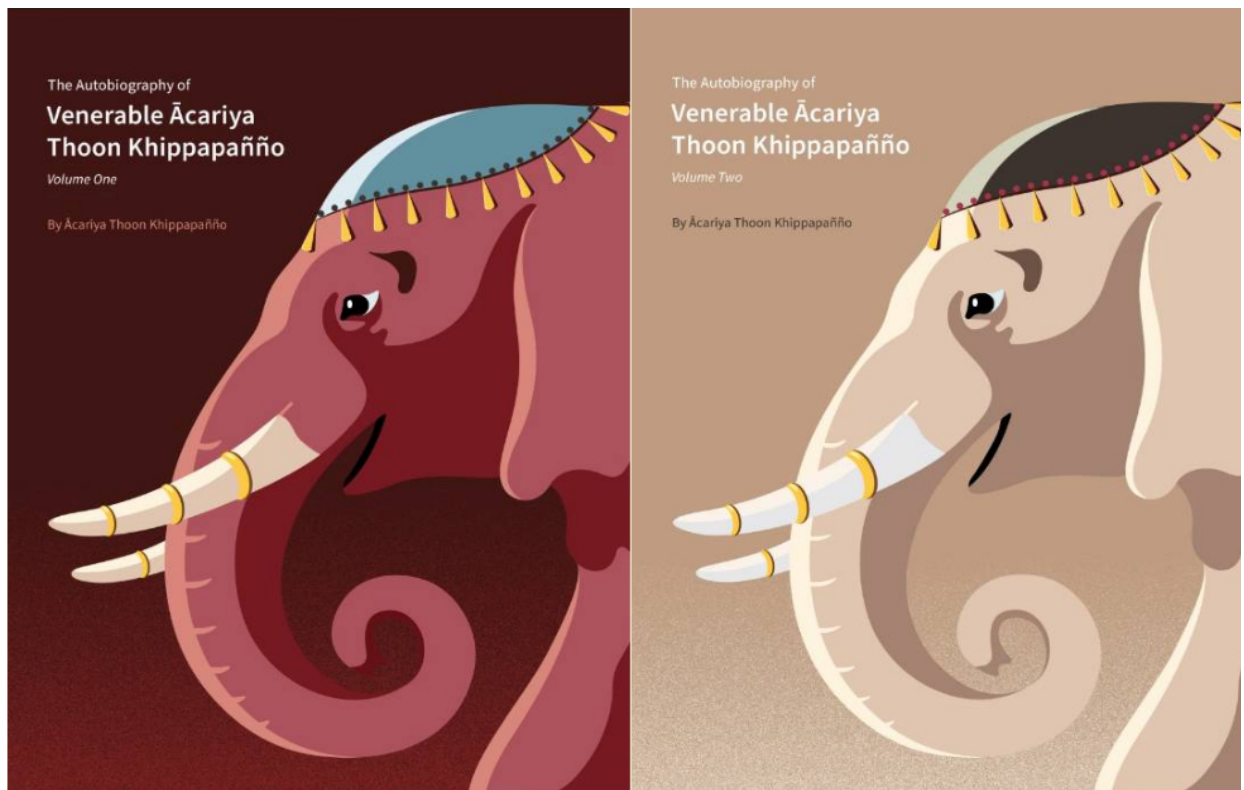


On June 11, 2022, Phra Kru Palat Anandapanyo was officially appointed abbot of Watsanfran at the 37th annual general meeting of the Dhammayut Order of the United States at Wat Tummapratriep in Washington, D.C. On June 13, we at Watsanfran expressed our sympathetic joy (muditā) for Phra Kru Palat Anandapanyo in a muditā ceremony.



Watsanfran Fundraisers

April 3 was Abbot Phra Kru Palat Anandapanyo's birthday. May 20 was Luang Por Thoon Khippapañño's birthday, Phra Kru Palat Anandapanyo's ordination anniversary, as well as Mae Chee Neecha's birthday. Devotees joined in the fundraisers in honor of both of these auspicious days and together we raised \$34,524 for the cost of printing Luang Por Thoon's two-volume color illustrated autobiography both in English and Thai, \$1,463 for New York Dhammaram Temple's ordination hall (uposatha), and \$8,778 for painting the Buddha's history on the walls of an ordination hall in Thailand. Anumodana with everyone's merit.



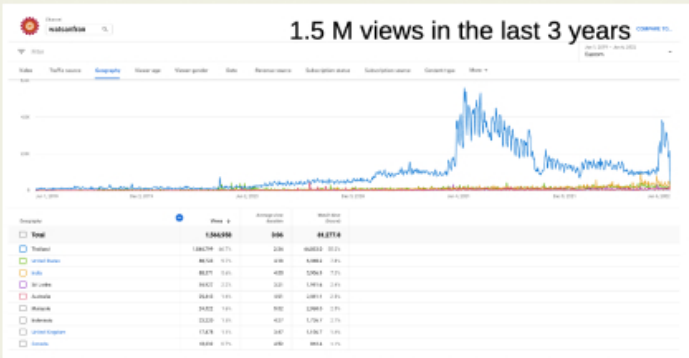
The Autobiography of Luang Por Thoon Khippapañño Book

Every year, Watsanfran publishes a beautifully illustrated color calendar with thought-provoking Dhamma teachings. If you would like to contribute to the cost of our 2023 calendar, please do so through the channels below. \$20 covers the cost of 5 calendars.

If you stop by our “watsanfran” YouTube channel, you may discover a range of educational series, from Dhamma sermons to Thai language and music tutorials. One of our most popular series is Animated Buddhist Stories, which involves a hard-working team of 14, including writers, illustrators, animators, and support staff. Be a part of this effective dissemination of Buddhist teachings by joining main benefactors Arunya Triyanond and family, Wilasinee Narupakorn and family, Jittima Wipusupan and family, Thammasak Thian-Ngern and family, Punyawee Naovaratpong and family, Handoko Herho and Irene Jahya, Onjira Dharmasukrit, Keodara Poom Sirisakd, and many donors throughout the world in sponsoring the costs of producing these videos. A \$45 donation covers the approximate cost of a 15 second video.



Calendar 2022



Watsanfran YouTube channel (focusing on Animation Project)
 **Data within three years (between June 1 2019 - June 5, 2022)

Total of
1.5 M
 views
 in the last 3 year

Viewers by Geography

- Thailand 1m views
- USA 88k views
- India 88k views
- Sri Lanka 34K views
- Australia 25k views
- Malaysia 24k views
- Indonesia 23k views

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117 videos
 published

Watsanfran YouTube Channel: Animation Project

Special Project Fundraisers

Uposatha Hall at New York Dhammaram Temple

New York Dhammaram Temple has been working on the construction of an ordination hall (uposatha), set to be completed in 2023. The total cost of the uposatha is estimated to be 2.4 million dollars and thus far, the community has raised approximately one million dollars. It is very rare to have the opportunity to help build an uposatha hall outside of a Buddhist country, so don't let this auspicious opportunity pass you by!



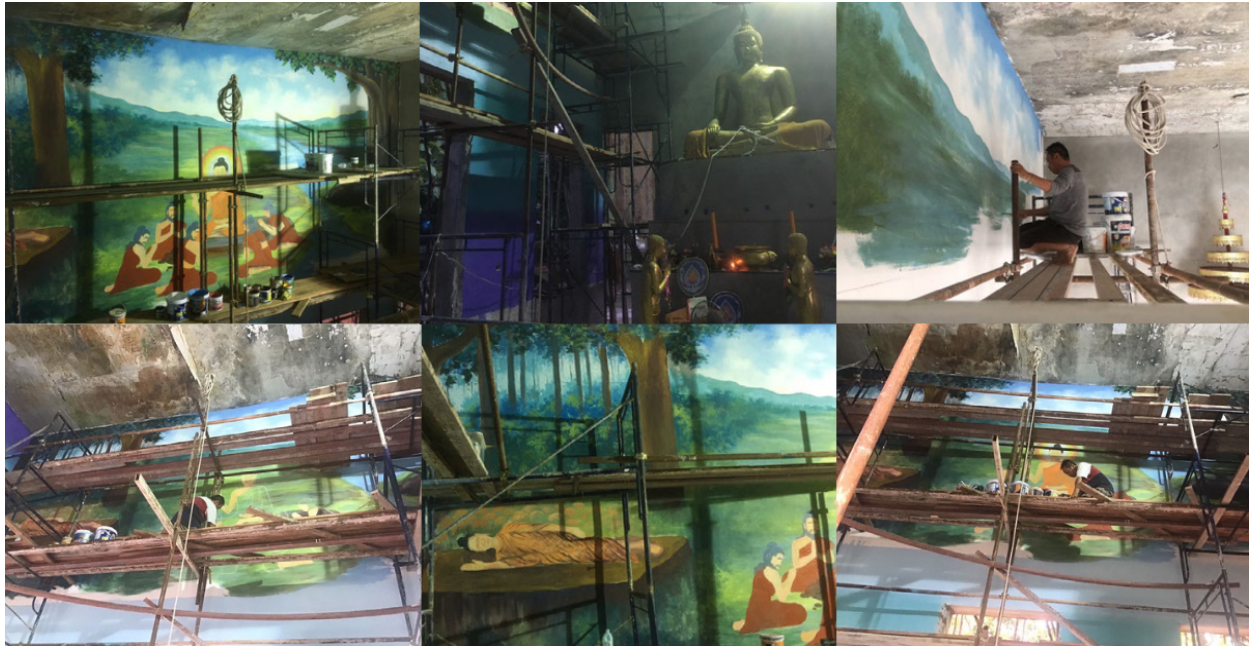
Sanctuary of Dhamma at Wat Pa Ban Koh (Thailand)

Wat Pa Ban Koh in Udon Thani, Thailand, is building a Sanctuary of Dhamma - which will include a Dhamma Library, a Dhamma Hall, and a Dhamma bridge. The estimated cost for this grand project is \$1,082,500 (37 million Thai baht.) Most recently, our community contributed \$23,500 to this project. However, it's not too late for you to join this worthy project

Uposatha Hall at Wat Ban Na Com (Thailand)

The WSF Saphanboon Foundation in Thailand and Watsanfran have pledged to sponsor 4 doors (\$610 each), 12 tempered glass windows (\$820 each), and the cost of etching religious-themed designs on the glass (\$5,700) for the uposatha hall at Wat Ban Na Com in Udon Thani, Thailand. The current remaining total to raise for this project is around \$14,570.

If you have not contributed toward these meritorious initiatives yet, you still have time. Please check out the “donation methods” listed below to participate.



Donation Methods

Checks

Checks should be made 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

Venmo

[@watsanfran](#)



PayPal Giving Fund

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

Please send your PayPal slip with a note specifying the name of the project you are contributing to

LINE: [@watsanfran](#) or

Email: watsanfran@yahoo.com



****On your donation, please include a note/memo about which project you wish to donate to.**

For example:

Memo: Cost of printing of autobiography

Memo: Animated Buddhist stories

Memo: New York uposatha hall

Anumodana with everyone!

Get To Know Your Own Mind!

Did you know that we spend almost half of our lives working? Do you consider that fulfilling? Do you enjoy what you are doing? Have you thought about the purpose of your life?

Come join our **FREE workshops** and learn how to apply the Lord Buddha's teachings in order to improve your daily life.

Watsanfran Annual Buddhist Retreat 2022

Retreat Dates: June 20-26

Instructors: Phra Kru Palat Anandapanyo, Mae Chee Yo, and Mae Chee Neecha

Take a break from the daily hustle and delve deeper into the root of your anxiety and recurring issues by truly investing in yourself for a week. During the retreat, you will learn how to focus your mind through chanting and nature walks, capitalize on the life experiences of your instructors and fellow participants, and learn how to become the best version of yourself possible. Participants may spend the night at Watsanfran (men) and Akaliko (women).

**Space is limited, so reserve your spot today!*



Eight Precept Observance

June 24-26 / July 13-17

Aug 26-28 / Sept 23-25

Observing the Eight Precepts is one way to cultivate a pure mind. During your training, practice purifying your mind and training it to be more aware of things and less indulgent in unfavorable things. Participants wear white clothes as is traditional for holy day observance (uposatha). We have outfits available for you, if needed.



Sign up now!



Pali Chanting at Watsanfran

(In-Person or Zoom)

Everyday (live) | 6:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Chanting is a practice that Buddhists use for many reasons. It can help train concentration and mindfulness. It is an effective method of learning the Buddha's teachings. Each verse can be used in daily contemplations.

*Please **email** or call us if you plan to participate to request the Zoom link

Dhamma Class

Every Saturday (Live) | 1-2 p.m.

Instructor: Phra Kru Palat Anandapanyo

Every Saturday, we hold Dhamma discussions covering a variety of topics, all aimed at helping participants find a way to solve their issues. Dhamma roundtables were a common practice in the Buddha's time, and now we have an opportunity to continue this tradition. Now you can participate from the comfort of your own home! The classes are held in English.

*Zoom link available upon request

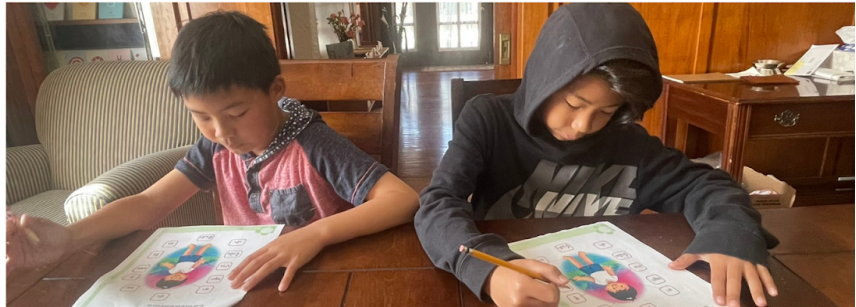


For all inquiries and to register,
please contact us at watsanfran@yahoo.com or (415) 753-0857

Watsanfran Summer School

Get ready for Thai School at Watsanfran! The summer term runs from June 6 - August 13, and offers students the opportunity to study Thai language, Thai music, and Buddhism. Our teachers from Chulalongkorn's volunteer teaching program are talented and student-oriented. Report cards will be issued at the end of the term.

For fall semester enrollment, please contact watsanfranschool@gmail.com



Save the Date!

Mark your calendars so you don't miss these upcoming events:



Asalha Puja | Sunday, July 10, 2022

Join us for a lunch offering and candle procession ceremony to commemorate the Buddha's first sermon, the "Sermon in the Deer Park." (note: actual Asalha Puja day is July 13, 2022)

Start of the vassa | Thursday, July 14, 2022

We will have a special alms round to start off the vassa (Buddhist three-month rains retreat in which monks typically remain at a monastery and practice intensively). Please arrive by 10:30 a.m. for the food offering.

Mae Chee Yo's birthday fundraiser | Wednesday, Aug 26, 2022

Mae Chee Yo is our teacher and the co-founder of Watsanfran. We will be holding our annual fundraiser to support Buddhist causes that Mae Yo deems worthy.

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“Don't think that you won't die or that you won't age in the future. Even if you take special care of yourself, birth, aging, sickness, and death are bound to follow you every day.”

Venerable Ācariya Thoon Khippapañño

Sermon 010

July 25, 1989 at Wat Pa Ban Koh, Udon Thani, Thailand

