

# JEMEZ BODHI MANDALA

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Dear Roshi,

The Bodhi Board has reviewed your letter and finds several points of agreement. The Board supports Seido as Vice Abbot, and increasing the size of the Board. However, the Board does not accept Roshi's suggested steps for expanding the Board.

We had hoped that Seido would begin working with the Board, but he continues to resist. Bodhi remains unsettled, and there are many worthy projects requiring leadership. The Board will not allow this to continue.

Seido is asked to immediately leave Bodhi, and to remain away until he can commit to working with the Board. The Board will manage Bodhi in the interim.

We wish to make clear that the Board wishes Bodhi to remain in the Rinzai-ji family, and will always honor Joshu Roshi as Founding Abbot and source for the practice tradition of Bodhi.

The Board does not recognize Joshu Sasaki as having any further direct authority over Bodhi. Yet, we hope Bodhi grows into a beautiful expression of Rosh's teaching and practice.

If Roshi wishes to have three representatives meet with the Bodhi Board, we might find a mutually agreeable path to expand the Board. However, anyone who would be Vice Abbot must agree to work unconditionally with the Board.

Gassho,

Board of Directors of Jemez Bodhi Mandala

