

## A SUBMITTED CORRECTION FROM A READER RE: JOSHU SASAKI

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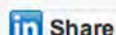
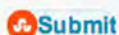
Last night the website received a correction of sorts to [Eshu Martin's piece](#) – the article in which Martin alleges decades of sexual abuse and cover-ups surrounding Rinzai-ji's Joshu Sasaki. It helps cast further light on the desperate measures individuals involved tried to come up with over the years to address Joshu Sasaki's behavior. As the person who submitted the correction may not intend for their name to be disclosed, I will keep them anonymous. Here is the correction (I suppose one could just order a bride from Japan in those days):



Joshu Sasaki in 1982.  
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“After reading the article concerning the inappropriate behavior of Sasaki Roshi, I feel that I should respond to an erroneous statement made by the author of the article, Mr. Eshu Martin. The statement in question is, “Certainly, as an organization, Rinzai-ji has never accepted the responsibility of putting a stop to this abuse, and has never taken any kind of remedial action.” Having been a resident monk in the Rinza-ji sangha from 1970 – 73, I know for a fact that in response to Sasaki Roshi's sexual indiscretions, the Rinza-ji Board of Directors asked him to ‘take a wife’ as it were sometime in 1973. Shortly thereafter a middle-aged Japanese woman arrived to fill this role, though I don't know if there ever was a formal wedding or not. However, since I left Rinza-ji to study in a Japanese monastery toward the end of 1973, I don't know how long this arrangement lasted.

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