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**Cc:** Kyozan Joshu Roshi; Sam Landsberger; Paul Karsten

**Subject:** announcement of new Abbot- and Vice-Abbots-designate of Rinzai-ji

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Dear Friends and Members of the Greater Sangha of Rinzai-ji,

Kyozan Joshu Roshi has named Eshin John Godfrey as Abbot-designate of Rinzai-ji. Roshi has also named Gento Steve Krieger and Ginsei Ginger Calloway as Vice-Abbots-designate of Rinzai-ji.

The Roshi has called for these individuals to assume these new responsibilities on the day of his stepping down as Abbot of Rinzai-ji on 21 July 2013.

April through June will be a period of transition. During this time, Eshin is to work with the Roshi and Rinzai-ji staff towards his taking on full responsibilities as Abbot in July. Eshin will continue to serve as Abbot of Zen Centre of Vancouver.

Eshin will also continue to serve as a member of the Transitional Leadership Team that is charged with improving communications, holding the Bearing Witness process, and investigating future organizational models for the Greater Sangha of Rinzai-ji.

Please join me in offering deep bows of thanks to Eshin, Gento, and Ginsei

for accepting the Roshi's invitation to serve as Abbot and Vice-Abbots of Rinzai-ji.

Nine bows to our teacher as well—Joshu Roshi turns 106 today!

Gassho and many thanks,

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