



# Uganda Buddhist Centre Newsletter

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## Health is Wealth

Uganda Buddhist Centre has continued to initiate and run programs in the community through different activities. Safe water to the neighboring community in Bulega has been prioritized. We are pleased that the people are fully benefiting from the recently constructed 3<sup>rd</sup> borehole in the village. For over 8 months, this borehole has served as a source of safe water for the community.

Today, the 3<sup>rd</sup> borehole is a little congested as one of the other boreholes has been out of order for quite some time. It is with great joy that Ven. Bhante Buddharakkhita has extended a hand promising to have the dysfunctional borehole repaired by the end of April. This will help reduce the congestion and provide dwellers of the Bulega community quicker access to safe and clean water.



Children collecting water from one of the functioning boreholes.



The second borehole to undergo repair.





**Bulega village dwellers at monthly cleaning of the Uganda Buddhist Centre grounds**

## **Cleanliness is the Gateway to Good Health**

The Bulega Community with much joy appreciate the continued efforts of Ven. Bhante Buddharakkhita and the entire team of the Uganda Buddhist Centre in supporting the community for instance through scholarships to orphaned children and providing a constant supply of safe and clean water through the boreholes constructed.

The community has set up a once a month visit to help clean the Temple premises as a humble contribution to the great work of the Uganda Buddhist Centre. We at the Uganda Buddhist Centre appreciate the idea and we shall avail more cleaning tools such as hoes and rakes which the members may require in their bid to help develop Uganda Buddhist Centre.



## **Venerable Sangharakkhita Appointed Honorary Vice President of Uganda Buddhist Centre**

Venerable Sangharakkhita has been appointed Honorary Vice President of the Uganda Buddhist Centre following a discussion with Ven. Bhante Buddharakkhita. Venerable Sangharakkhita who is also an Executive Member of the African Buddhist Union is currently undertaking monastic training at Na Uyana Forest Monastery in Sri Lanka where he received his Samanera ordination. He is due to receive his higher ordination next year. Venerable Buddharakkhita asked Ven. Sangharakkhita to help him with his international obligations, and in May Venerable Sangharakkhita will represent Bhante Buddharakkhita at the United Nations Day of Vesak Celebrations in Thailand.

**Ven. Bhante Buddharakkhita and Ven. Sangharakkhita posing at Na Uyana Forest Monastery in Sri Lanka.**

## Upcoming Events and Projects

### Programs and Events

- On Friday April 8, 2016, the Uganda Buddhist Centre will join other Buddhist followers in the world to celebrate the International Buddhist Day (IBD).
- From June 24-29, 2016, Uganda Buddhist Centre will conduct an International Buddhist Conference on Peace. During the Conference, there will be a groundbreaking ceremony of the African Buddhist College; launching of online courses; celebration of the 50th anniversary of Bhante Buddharakkhita; celebration of 10 years of existence of UBC; and the consecration of boundaries (sima) at UBC.

### Projects

- We are going to establish a Buddhist College (African Buddhist College) at the Uganda Buddhist Centre to achieve a nation-wide spread and understanding of the Buddhist philosophy in Uganda and Africa.
- We are designing a Dhamma Teachers and Dhamma Community Leaders training that will be providing training programs to our staff.
- We are planning to establish Meditation and Yoga Groups in Entebbe, Kampala, Jinja and other parts of Uganda to reach out to more people.

## African Buddhist Union

### Member Countries

- Uganda
- Rwanda
- DR Congo
- Burundi
- Cameroon
- Nigeria
- Botswana
- South Africa
- Egypt

### African Buddhist Union represented at the United Nations Day of Vesak, Thailand

Eight (8) members from eight member countries will represent the African Buddhist Union at the United Nations Vesak Day Celebrations and Peace Forum, in May 2016 in Thailand. The eight countries are: Rwanda, DR Congo, Burundi, Egypt, Cameroon, Uganda, Nigeria, and Botswana. Later, members will convene a meeting to discuss the activities and the future of the African Buddhist Union in Africa.

#### What is African Buddhist Union?

The African Buddhist Union (ABU) is an umbrella non-profit organization for African Buddhists, African Buddhists in the diaspora, and friends of African Buddhists, headquartered at the Uganda Buddhist Centre. ABU was formed by Venerable Buddharakkhita with a mission of cultivating a spirit of mutual friendship and good fellowship among African Buddhists through activities such as study of the Dhamma, practice of meditation and promotion of Buddhist ethics and values for social action.

For more information about us, please, visit our website: [www.africanbuddhistunion.org](http://www.africanbuddhistunion.org)



# Message of Congratulations from the Buddhist Community Centre UK



**The Buddhist Community Centre UK**  
(Tashi Dongak Choeling)



Date: 12/03/2016

Dear Ven. Bhikkhu Buddharakkhita

**Re: Congratulatory message to African Buddhist Union (ABU)**

I wish to congratulate you for being the founder and president of ABU, upon your success in establishing the African Buddhist Union with ten member countries in Africa. It is to my hope that the rest of other African countries will join the Union in order to build peace, unity and solidarity in Africa.

The African Buddhist Union shares a similar vision with the Buddhist Community Centre UK (BCCUK) namely, practicing the Buddha's teachings (Dhamma) through fellowships among all Buddhists in Africa and Africans in Diaspora.

In United Kingdom, we wish that the voice of Buddhism should help bring about a world guided by wisdom and compassion, for the happiness and wellbeing of all.

I am looking forward to establishing a strong network between Africa Buddhists and Buddhist in the United Kingdom.

Yours in Dhamma,

Kaji Sherpa

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The Buddhist Community Centre UK

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