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## Paravana Day: Marking the End of Vassa

On Tuesday 19th October, Bhante Bud-dharakkhita led the observance and celebration of Pavarana Day that marks the end of the Vassa period. Pavarana is the last day of the Rains Retreat (the Vassa).

Pavarana means 'to invite'—monks who have completed the rains retreat invite fellow monks to admonish them of their weaknesses. It is an ecstatic occasion that the monastic community let go of their recent failings and enter a new practice in a more refreshing and renewed way.

During the observance, Sri Lankan devotees living in Uganda led by Ms. Mudhitha, the main Kathina celebrant and donor gathered at the Temple and offered alms to the monks. The day also featured Buddha puja by the devotees, chantings that included sharing of merits and blessings.

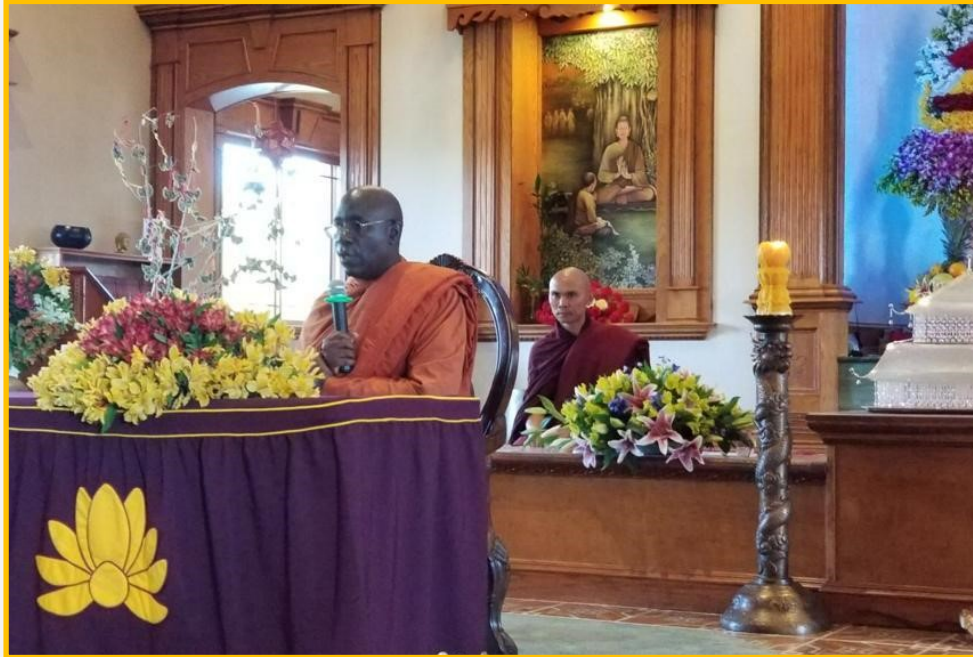
The day following Pavarana is also a day on which kathina celebrations can be held or at a later stage within the first month following the Rains Retreat.



## Bhante Visits Huong Dao Temple

On the 20th October, Bhante Buddharakkhita and Joel Kivumbi flew to Texas, USA to participate in the Kathina celebrations at Huong Dao Temple. The two were invited by Most Ven. Pannakara of Huong Dao Temple and Huong Tu Lovingkindness Foundation. Ven. Pannakara together with three other monks, and twelve devotees visited the Uganda Buddhist Centre in June 2021. The goal of their trip to Uganda was to support the growth of Buddhism and to carryout humanitarian activities in Uganda. To further strengthen the relationship between the two entities, Bhante Buddharakkhita was invited to be part of kathina ceremony at Huong Dao Temple in Texas, USA.

Bhante is expected to return to Uganda on November 11, 2021 and to lead the kathina ceremony at the Uganda Buddhist Centre on November 14, 2021.





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