



Dhamma Surabhi Expansion Plans



Vipassana Meditation Centre of BC

Summer 2014 Newsletter

Dhamma Surabhi Is Expanding: We Need Your Help

*In this world, there are three things of value for the one who gives...
Before giving, the mind of the giver is happy.
While giving, the mind of the giver is peaceful.
After giving, the mind of the giver is uplifted.
—anguttara nikaya 6.37*

Currently students have to wait many months to take a course at Dhamma Surabhi and many students simply can't attend as the wait lists are very long. We are delighted to announce that construction will happen this August to expand the Dhamma Hall and Dining Room to accommodate 20 more students. Our goal is to have residences for 20 students ready as early as Spring of 2015. This will allow 72 students per course, or 400 more students each year, to receive the gift of Dhamma at Dhamma Surabhi. Our long term plan is to serve 120 students each course.

The project will cost \$300,000 to \$400,000. This can be accomplished only through the continued support and generosity of grateful old students. \$90,000 has ALREADY been given in loans and dana!

An additional \$110,000 is needed in order to complete Steps 1 and 2 this August.

Step 1

The present Dhamma Hall will be increased by about 11 feet to allow 20 more students to attend each course.

Step 2

The Dining Room will be expanded 12 feet into the courtyard to seat an additional 20 students.

Step 3

10 students can be accommodated by putting two beds in each of the cabins. During summer months, tenting will allow another 10 students to attend.

Permanent new residences for these 10 students can be built as soon as Spring 2015 if financial support is in place.

Click [here](#) for more information

Dana: How You Can Help

Sabbadānam dhammadānam jināti

Giving Dhamma is the highest dāna

Projected Costs Steps 1 and 2:

Dhamma Hall Expansion.....	\$70K
Dining Hall Expansion.....	\$75K
Design, Admin, and Legal Costs.....	\$30K
Sitework and Septic.....	\$25K
Total	\$200K
Funding available in loans (\$70K) and dana (\$20K):.....	\$90K

*Amount needed to complete Dhamma Hall and
Dining Room.....\$110K*

If \$20K is received by Aug 1, 2014 the Dhamma Hall can be finished during the August/September work period, without having to cancel 10-day courses.

If \$110K is received by Aug 1, 2014 the Dining Room can also be expanded during the same time period. It will be a cost-savings and logistically much better to be able to do both projects in the same time period.

Step 3: Accommodations - \$100K to \$300K is needed by March 2015 to allow additional student residences to be built in the Spring.

Come and Help the Centre Expand

By volunteering your time and skills in the construction work, you are providing a dana of immense value. While being a joy to serve in this way, you also save so much in building costs allowing donated money to go further. In fact, the projected costs are based on having old student volunteers do much of the work. This expansion project will happen from August 18 to September 20. We need 2 to 4 skilled framers, plus students with any (or no) construction experience, for all or any of this time period. Serving in the kitchen for this noble undertaking is also a wonderful way to give.

If available or interested please email expansion@surabhi.dhamma.org to let us know. We will also send out an update in a few weeks with more information.

Donations

You may give a one time or recurring [donation](#) for the project here:



You can also donate directly from your bank account, or by email money transfer. Please visit www.surabhi.dhamma.org/os/dana.html (oldstudent/behappy)

*A donation of \$3,000 will provide
Dhamma Hall space for one student.*

Student Loans

Old student loans may be given interest-free or interest-bearing for various time periods. If you'd like to help in this way please contact: treasurer@surabhi.dhamma.org

Monthly Donations

A steady cash flow, assured by monthly donations is key to financing these projects, and managing loan repayments. Even small monthly donations are extremely valuable.

If 100 meditators donate \$30 per month for 2 years this gives \$72,000!

Once the centre is able to accommodate more students, their dana will also help to financially support the cost of this expansion and future development. In this way more future students will also benefit.



Your help in any way aids the spread of Vipassana, and with it spreads peace and happiness. We hope it is the volition of our meditator community that the Dhamma should spread at Dhamma Surabhi this year.