

Women in Global Buddhism: A Surprising New Activism

with Sandy Boucher

A talk with visuals

Open to all

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7 – 9 pm

East Bay Meditation Center www.eastbaymeditation.org

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Come hear Sandy Boucher share insights from her recent trip to Thailand and Vietnam, where she participated in a clandestine, underground ordination of Thai women into Buddhist monastic robes, and was honored at the opening of a giant Kwan Yin (Goddess of Compassion) temple. At the Sakyadhita (International Association of Buddhist Women) Conference in Vietnam, she met activists from around the world who are confronting oppressive



conditions for women in developing countries. Sandy will share stories of the struggles of Asian women and their Western sisters to do away with obstacles that deny them full participation in society and Buddhism.

Registration is required & space is limited. E-mail your full name to admin@eastbaymeditation.org or call (510) 268-0696 and specify “register for Women in Global Buddhism.”

Sandy Boucher was named a United Nations Outstanding Woman in Buddhism in 2006. In her eight books and many articles, she has chronicled the participation of women in American Buddhism. With her partner Martha Boesing, she lives in Oakland where she has taught writing and meditation for thirty years. The retreats she leads include “Dharma & Writing” and, with Martha, “Joy in Mindfulness.” She serves as guest editor of the fall “Enlightenment” issue of *Inquiring Mind*, and is associate editor of *Persimmon Tree: An Online Magazine of the Arts*. To learn more about her and her work, please visit www.sandyboucher.net.

Cost: The teachings are regarded as priceless. So they are offered without a fee. You are invited to support the teachings and our efforts by contributing voluntary donations (the practice of “Dana”) for the expenses of the meditation center and the support of the teachers.



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