



SOTO ZEN BUDDHISM

Condolences

We would like to express our deepest sympathy on hearing of the sudden passing away of Rev. Tetsugen Bernard Glassman.

Rev. Glassman was ordained by Rev. Hakuyu Maezumi of Zen Center of Los Angeles. He was appointed as Dendokyoshi in 1995. He generously devoted his body and life to spreading Buddhism and it was like "water from one vessel being poured into another vessel." He was the first American priest who participated Zuse Ceremony at Daihonzan Eiheiiji and Sojiji as the dharma heir of Rev. Maezumi.

All Kokusaifukyoshi in North America and his followers trusted him because of his sincere and passionate attitude for all things. We remember that he always looked us with his dignified but gentle eyes.

In 1982 he founded Greystone Bakery with its well-known mission to provide jobs and vocational training for the people who are in the difficulty of jobless and who have low income. Now the Greystone has been kept flourished with the mission. He has been honored many times because of the social engaged activities like getting along with the sadness in the society. A sesshin at Auschwitz he held was so impressive and the news run through in Japan and had a great impact us.

As a Soto Zen Priest who act with the teaching of Shakyamuni Buddha, Dogen Zenji and Keizan Zenji, he expressed "Bodhisattva's Four All-Embracing Methods" by his body and mind, it was great and venerable.

We can't tell you how sorry we are. We hope you support each other and overcome this grief with the light of his words and teachings. Please accept our sincerest condolences.

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