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CAMPAIGN FOR
PLUM VILLAGE
FRANCE



Our aspirations:

- Bring our hamlets up to code so we can stay open to lay **friends**
- Build new monastic residences and learning **facilities**
- Ensure our engaged Buddhist tradition **flourishes**
- Institute green building practices

Founded 40 years ago by Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh (Thay, or “teacher” in Vietnamese), Plum Village Monastery in France is our community’s largest practice center. With more than 120 resident monks and nuns, it draws thousands of visitors a year from around the world. **It is also in urgent need of your help.**

Every year, Plum Village attracts more and more people, putting a strain on already aging infrastructure. And Plum Village’s monastics are in high demand to go on teaching tours. Between the growing demand and increasingly stringent European building codes, it has been challenging to keep pace with the facilities work needed to support offering the Dharma inside and outside the monastery.

Our first priority is to remain open and continue providing a peaceful and spacious environment for our retreatants. We also want to ensure that Plum Village remains a refuge where monastics and aspirants can deepen their practice, renew themselves, and prepare to offer their teachings and mindful presence to people around the world. And finally, implementing green building practices is just one of the ways we demonstrate our commitment to addressing the climate crisis.

Learn more about our pressing needs and priorities below. Then please join us. Only by working together can we continue to nurture the seeds Thay planted when he founded the “root temple in the West” and ensure his beautiful teachings bear fruit for generations to come.

Lower Hamlet

Redesign the Hamlet's North End

The Lower Hamlet sisters are reenvisioning the heart of the hamlet's north end. The new complex will bring together a new nunnery with the facilities for monastic training and learning, engaged Buddhism and outreach, monastic practice, and hamlet administration.

This will free up sleeping, social, and activity space for guests. Currently there are no accommodations for lay friends on site; the previous building had to be demolished because of mould, asbestos, and structural instability.

- New nunnery for 65-80 sisters
- Incorporates Zendo, library, offices, archives
- Space for lay friends to stay at the hamlet again
- Passive house design, modular straw bale construction
- Improved water usage and quality

Estimated cost: €4-5 million including infrastructure

FUTURE PRIORITIES: Eco-huts for guests, expanded camping and caravan areas, new toilet and shower blocks, expansion of dining hall



New Hamlet

Build New Nuns' Quarters

New Hamlet sisters also must live in rooms designed for lay friends. Guests have to stay off-site, disrupting the retreat experience.

As with Lower Hamlet, the new nunnery will restore the powerful energy of the sisters living and practicing together.

The new nunneries in New and Lower Hamlets will improve the conditions for the sisters' spiritual and physical wellbeing.

- Houses 50-60 sisters
- Frees up more on-site beds for guests
- Modular straw bale, energy-efficient buildings
- Improved water quality and storage

Estimated Cost: €2 million, including infrastructure

FUTURE PRIORITIES: Larger meditation hall that can welcome all three hamlets

Upper Hamlet/Son Ha

Expand Areas to Welcome More Guests

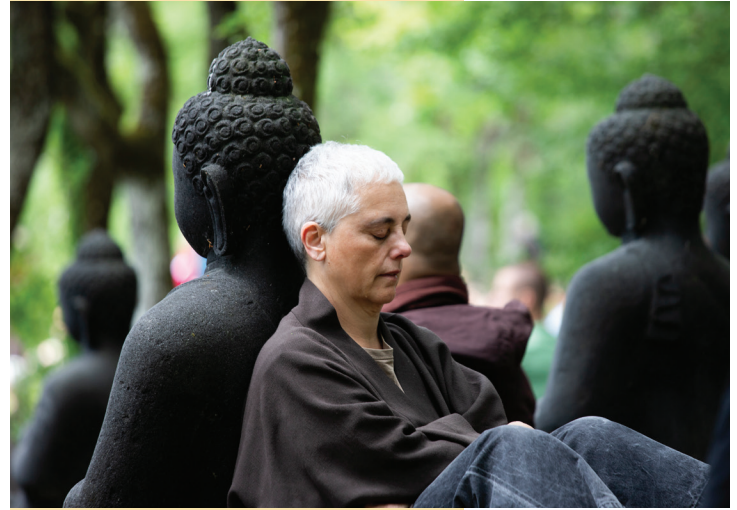
Upper Hamlet is the largest of the three hamlets. One goal in reenvisioning how the land is used is to create distinct areas for lay friends and monastics. This will provide monastics a refuge of quiet and contemplation within the retreat environment.

Many guest rooms can no longer be open to the public. The goal is for guests to be comfortable but in a Zen, environmentally conscious way. And as the hamlet with the most guests, there is an urgent need to upgrade the aging infrastructure in a way that is sustainable and meets local codes.

- Build two straw bale, passive house design guest blocs
- Accommodate additional guests in new four-season Zen huts and warm-season platform tents
- Add space in the new camping/caravan area
- Restore the historic Stone & Friendship building

Estimated cost: €3-4 million

FUTURE PRIORITIES: Expand the dining hall, kitchen, Harmony House, and Son Ha.



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Thich Nhat Hanh

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