



TWIM-Con, April 21–24, 2022
DSMC Retreat April 26–May 5

Conference Goals

1. Create and strengthen bonds in lay and monastic communities
2. Review the complete history of TWIM
3. Discuss sustainability needs and growth opportunities
4. Global report of ongoing activities including future plans
5. Update retreat guide and mentoring programs to expand retreats and classes
6. Set up a shared vision for the future of TWIM principles and practices
7. Schedule periodic follow-up TWIM-Con meet ups and calls
8. Drink coffee and tea, eat good food, talk and laugh a lot

PROGRAM AGENDA

Thursday, 4/21

3:00 – 6:00 Check-in, assignment of accommodations (*Kristen & David*)

6:00 – 7:00 Light Dinner

7:30 – 8:30 PM Orientation

7:30 Welcomes and presents: *TWIM Welcome* clip. (*David*)
follows by short older intro to DSMC Film

7:40 Introduction of leaders, teachers, and organizers and
outline of the TWIM-Con program highlights (*Jordan*)

8:00 Film festival Shorts: *The History of TWIM* (*David*)

Friday 4/22

7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast

9:00 – 10:00 Group meditation (*Delson*)

10:15–11:30 Bhante's journey and origin of TWIM (*David facilitates*)

10:15 Present Bhante Baby Pics. Discusses the history of TWIM with photos and short video 1995, (*David*)

11:00 **Mark & Antra**: talk about early days of BV in SD & as a monk after ordination

11:15-11:30 Stillpoint days, BV, and early DSMC building, hurricane, Japan (*David*)

11:30 – 12:30 Lunch

1:30 – 3:10 Organizations and Program Development (*SJ facilitates*)

1:30 **David's** journey, organization, travel with Bhante, teaching, and book

2:00 **Drew's** journey, organizing, and teaching history

2:20 **Jordan's** journey, California and Hawaii retreats and classes

2:40 **Adam's** journey, DSMC, the film, retreat wedding, Bodhi,

3:00 **Lyling**, journey, organizing the Facebook Group. 500+ members

3:20 20 Minute Break

3:40 **Delson's** journey, online/ residential retreats, book, new book

4:00-5:30: What is TWIM speak and the Primary Principles of Practice? (*Delson*)

5:30 – 6:30 Light Dinner

7:00 – 8:30 International Activity Update and Discussion on Zoom

7:00-7:45 **Koen**: presents his journey and Suttavada Foundation (35 Min)

7:45-7:55 **Syl**: presents Telegram Support Group (10 Min)

8:00 **Brenda**: presents Indonesia programs (8:00 AM 4-22 Jakarta)

Saturday 4/23:

7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast

9:00 – 9:45 Group meditation

9:45 15 Minute Break

10:00 – 11:30 DSMC Activities and Programs Discussion, (David, Kristen presents)

- Building activities – expansion.
- Sitting groups and active Zoom groups
- Current activities programs, outreach,
- Transition Strategy (Spirit Rock Model with multiple teachers)
- Retreat schedules for the balance of 2022 and 2023
- Monastics – What is the role?
- Funding strategy

11:30 – 12:30 Lunch

1:30 – 2:30 DSMC Online Retreat Program and Guide Participation (DJ moderates)

1:30-2:00 David and Kristen: program goals and background, resources, and guide certification, online retreat program coordination, participation, growth

2:00-2:15 Russ: data results for TWIM/ forgiveness retreats and participant's progress.

2:15-2:30 Teri: Best practices for online retreat guides

2:30 – 3:15 Ongoing Programs and New Development

2:30-2:45 Khin: Report: Global Sitting Group

2:45-3:00 Nat: Report: TWIM Teacher and Student Resource Network

3:00-3:15 Russ: Report: Financial and Tax Considerations and Strategies

2:30 15 Minute Break

2:45 – 5:30 Future of TWIM Round Table Discussion; (Russ: moderates) (Nat: Notes)

Growth Opportunities. Improvements? Data. Demographics. Sustainability.

5:30 – 6:30 Light Dinner

7:00 – 8:30 Global Activity Update and Discussion via Zoom

7:00 **Venerable Obhasa**: Introduces herself, ordination, Travel with Bhante, classes

7:30 **Sister Khema** (India -6:30AM 4-24)

8:00 **Rev. Dhammagavesi** (Sri Lanka) 7:00AM 4-24)

8:30 FIREWORKS (*David*)

Sunday 4/24 _____

7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast

9:00 – 10:00 Closing Session

Summary notes (*Nat*)

Dana talk (*Jordan*)

Closing remarks (*David*)

10:00 Hang out, Lunch, Departure