

SOME CHANGES IN LWF LEADERSHIP ROLES



BOARD MEMBER/VICE PRESIDENT:

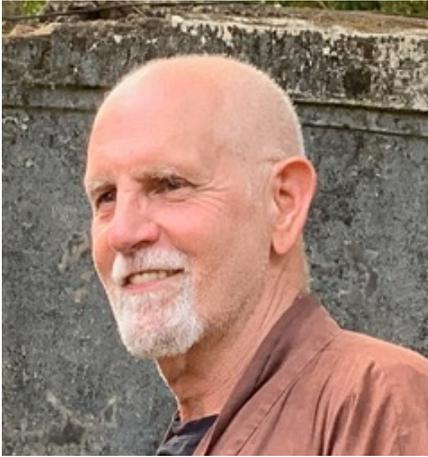
With deep gratitude and some sadness, we announce the resignation of our beloved Board Member, Michael Melancon who has served as Vice President of our Loving Work Foundation for the past five years. Michael has been a critically important part of our team, partnering with Trish as Retreat Co-Practice Leader, and continuing his involvement, as the seeds of the Loving Work Foundation began to sprout. He, with the complete support of his husband, Glenn, has been an integral part of each step along the path to our becoming a legal entity. The process of creating and registering a non-profit organization, especially one whose mission is to work in a foreign country, was challenging, made even more so because we did not hire the services of an attorney (thereby saving almost \$10,000). That all could be accomplished, so that we could begin to operate in Viet Nam as early as 2015, was just short of a miracle. Michael's moral and concrete support was invaluable.

Michael has served as Retreat Co-Practice Leader each year since 2014, joining a total of eight retreats. The friends who have joined us have benefited from his leadership as an experienced practitioner. His love for Viet Nam and her people always shone through. His caring attention and ability to listen deeply to each friend who has joined us contributed to life-changing experiences for many of our friends, and his infectious laugh and easy smile consistently watered seeds of joy in everyone.

Michael will be missed. We wish him the most heartfelt good wishes, as he continues on his path.

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INCOMING BOARD MEMBER/VICE PRESIDENT:

We are delighted to announce, that our dear long-time friend and Dharma brother, Paul Davis, has accepted our invitation to serve as a new member of our Board of Directors in the capacity of Vice President.

Paul is well known in our Plum Village Global Community and beyond. He is a dedicated practitioner and a sincere supporter of our monastic community, regularly attending retreats, most often at Magnolia Grove Monastery and Practice Center in Mississippi, USA.

Many of our friends who have joined us on retreat in Viet Nam have had the good fortune to experience Paul as a brother in the practice. He has occasionally served as Retreat Co-Practice Leader where his kind and gentle guidance and his calm presence contribute a solidity that inspires and supports our practice. We are grateful for Paul's commitment to his practice, to Viet Nam, and to the work the Loving Work Foundation does there.

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ANNE WOODS, Secretary/Treasurer (2015 – 2019)

We extend our deepest gratitude to our dear friend and Dharma sister, Anne, True Collective Spring, who has been an essential part of the team that has supported the Loving Work Foundation since its inception. She is a solid practitioner who continues to enjoy a love affair with Viet Nam, and the work of the foundation, most especially that which involves the families and children, even though she has moved her attention to other projects and interests.

Anne's gifts have been numerous. She has been a huge supporter of our mission, guiding us through the mine field of US law, as it pertains to nonprofit organizations, advising us on the financial side of how to stay solvent while realizing our intention to serve the families and children in Viet Nam, while honoring our commitment to create global community by way of offering pilgrimages for the lowest cost possible for international friends,and, she has generously shared her wisdom gleaned from her devotion to the Dharma.

We wish the very best for Anne, as she continues her practice of giving service.

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DANNA ZELENKA, Secretary/Treasurer (2019 -)

Danna, True Sky of Spring, graciously agreed to assume the duties of the post left by our friend, Anne. She, like all of us at LWF, has felt the call to serve in Viet Nam. A retired Kindergarten teacher, Danna embodies a gentle wisdom that supports the retreat experience for all of us. In addition to her attention to providing support for monitoring foundation finances, she has served as an assistant Co-Practice Leader, a function she will expand in the coming year.

Danna has a long history of learning and practicing with Dharma Teacher Eileen Kiara at Mountain Lamp Practice Center in Washington State, as well as with her local Sangha in Bellingham, Washington.