

New Summary Report - 24 November 2014

2. Please rank in order of preference your favorite activities during sangha meetings:

	Score*	Overall Rank
Teaching	86	1
Meditation	79	2
Shared prayer	63	3
Fellowship	52	4

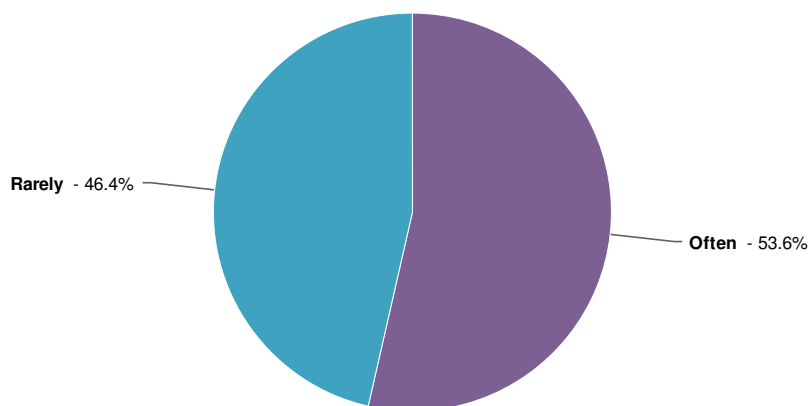
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3. For the teaching part of sangha meetings please check whether you would attend the meeting if one of the following were leading the teaching:

	Absolutely	Maybe - depends on topic	No	Responses
Fr. Cyprian	22 78.6%	6 21.4%	0 0.0%	28
Guest speaker	8 28.6%	22 78.6%	0 0.0%	28
Sangha member	8 28.6%	22 78.6%	0 0.0%	28

4. Are you willing to travel to the Hermitage at Big Sur for teachings from Fr. Cyprian?



Often	53.6%		15
Rarely	46.4%		13

5. Rank your interest in studying the following:

	Score*	Overall Rank
Buddhism	163	1
Hinduism	143	2
Orthodox Christianity	138	3
Islam	133	4
Taoism	124	5
Judaism	120	6
Protestantism	95	7
Other	92	8

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6. Which of the following topics would you be interested in discussing at sangha meetings?

	Love it!	Like it	Might like it	Not that interested	Not interested at all	Responses
Spirituality	26 92.9%	2 7.1%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	28
Psychology	9 32.1%	8 28.6%	9 32.1%	2 7.1%	1 3.6%	28
Social issues	11 39.3%	8 28.6%	4 14.3%	4 14.3%	1 3.6%	28
Politics	4 14.3%	4 14.3%	6 21.4%	9 32.1%	6 21.4%	28
Other (explain below)	11 39.3%	5 17.9%	7 25.0%	1 3.6%	4 14.3%	28

Comments

Count	Response
1	. social justice issues are of interest to me in relation to spirituality.
1	I loved our poetry evening!
1	I would like to discuss Richard Rohr's books
1	Interfaith Connections/Speakers/Readings
1	It seems to me pretty much all subjects have been covered.
1	Lack of access to Dead Sea Scrolls and study of what we do know about them.
1	Service

1	Sharing of personal prayer practice and faith journey.
1	Spirituality is all I'm interested in.
1	Teachings from Fr. Cyprian's new book and also Karen Armstrong's books on interfaith practices.
1	These are all in the tapestry of living, teaching and learning in community.
1	intersection of spirituality and psychology
1	the connection between meditation, service and neuroscience
1	All of these topics do have a spiritual element. I am happy to study any from that spiritual focus.
1	It's not possible to choose from these lists, which religion or which subject is preferable, since they are ALL potentially great, if the speaker is great. More attention to the quality of the speaker, whatever the subject.
1	A study of authors and poets/playwrights who write about faith and/or environment, spirituality, and social issues (Richard Rohr, Wendell Berry, Thomas Barry, David Whyte, etc.)
1	Spiritual practices of Sangha members. What are the priorities and compromises each of us consider?
1	Having someone present a talk on the life of a great spiritual leader, living or deceased would be interesting. Have members of the sangha who are present at the meeting share personal experiences of their own spiritual practice and how this practice is integrated into their lives.
1	the neuro biological and psychological connection between mediation and the mechanics of the brain, Rich Hansen's works e.g. Buddha's Brain etc
1	As with areas of interest (Christianity, Islam etc.), I am interested in all of these. Sangha for me is an opportunity to discuss important topics with others who share a meditation practice. It is a wonderful...and rare...opportunity for me.

7. Please rank in order of preference which components you would like to have as part of sangha:

	Score*	Overall Rank
Faith sharing	130	1
Service	125	2
Yoga	101	3
Online community	90	4
Charitable giving	85	5
Other (please explain below)	57	6

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1	Common experiences...field trips, retreats, service.
1	I do not really have a comment. The survey requests this box be acknowledged
1	I filled this in only because the computer forced me to. All these are very nice.

1	Library and access to books and media resources.
1	Meditation
1	NA
1	Not in favor of yoga postures during regular Sangha meeting
1	community working together-sangha lunches-hikes sharing time together, retreats
1	compassion practice
1	not sure about other
1	I love yoga as Im am a yoga teacher and it is good to study some yogic philosophy , however it should just be a part of the interfaith studies we do .
1	Depends on when and where: yoga at retreats, potlucks at retreats, service opportunities occasionally. I don't like the potlucks when there are no chairs to sit in. It's always felt awkward to me to move into social time after prayer time the way we've been doing it. I'd rather have special sitd own meals at other times.
1	Aside from faith sharing, I am not very excited about any of the rest of these. I do them in other contexts.
1	For me, service is a necessary component of any faith sharing community. What form (or forms) service takes invites more discussion.
1	In other parts of my life I have many opportunities for service and charity; in the sangha I long for nourishment to do those other activities.
1	I marked a 1 for my first choice. This part of the survey wasn't clear to me :) Ranking these was difficult. I'm interested in all of them. If faith sharing doesn't involve talking about our practice meditation practice occasionally, I would also enjoy the opportunity to do that.
1	I think I am interested in how other spiritual belief structures can be integrated into Christian spirituality. I enjoy learning about other spiritual philosophies.

8. Rank the following activities that have been a part of Sangha yearly events:

	Score*	Overall Rank
New Year's Eve Interfaith Vigil for Peace	85	1
Fundraising for the Bless School	78	2
Tent of Abraham	68	3
Other	49	4

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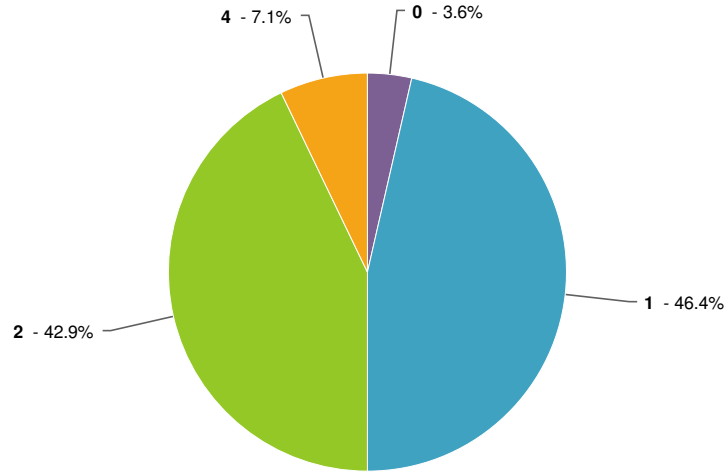
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9. What do you think the Sangha's relationship with New Camaldoli Hermitage should be?

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1	Don't know
1	Equally supportive. Sangha is an extension of the Camaldolese charism.
1	Have quarterly or semi-annual meetings there, and have a retreat there

1	I think there should be a connection but I don't know to what extent.
1	Not sure what you mean by this question
1	Not sure, but liked going there for the fall retreat.
1	Seems like it should be something, but I have no idea what really that would look like.
1	Special Events
1	Spiritual - educational - financial
1	Spiritual Home
1	Support & Friends of N. C.
1	Unsure
1	family
1	go there on retreats
1	good
1	just a nice retreat site once or twice a year
2	not sure
1	stronger
1	very close, perhaps providing financial support
1	I would like us to be very connected. For us, the way of life there is what we are trying to adapt and bring to our own lives. For them, I am sure there are ways Sangha can support their work in meaningful ways.
1	Because of our meditation practice which for many of us has connections with the monastic tradition and Cyprian's teaching, the Hermitage can be an oasis.
1	I am already connected with the Hermitage and have been going there since the early 90's so it probably wouldn't affect me one way or the other.
1	I think we should go there bi-monthly and perhaps have some guest monk come to us, if it cannot be cyprian, on a regular bases.
1	I would enjoy and participate in a close relationship with the Hermitage. I really enjoyed having our retreat there this year. I would be interested in day long retreats, day service trips and ...

10. Generally speaking how many times a month would you attend a sangha meeting?



Category	Percentage	Count
0	3.6%	1
1	46.4%	13
2	42.9%	12
3	0.0%	0
4	7.1%	2
Total		28

Statistics

Sum	45.0
Average	1.6
StdDev	0.9
Max	4.0

11. Please rank possible meeting times in order of preference:

	Score*	Overall Rank
Sunday 6pm-8pm	77	1
Saturday 10am-12pm	75	2
Saturday 9am-11am	68	3
Other (explain below)	60	4

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1	Any evening during the week but Friday and Saturday.
1	Could Sunday mornings be a option, or possible weeknight?
1	Friday evening 6 to 8 PM
1	I assumed that 1 means first preference!

1	Maybe earlier on Sunday or Saturday afternoon
1	Monday evenings - 7:00 - 9:00 PM
1	NA
1	Sunday 4-6 or 5-7
1	Sunday evenings are best for me. Can't do Saturdays because of rehearsals and weddings
1	Tuesday or Wed nights, weekend retreats, hopefully with Cyprian.
1	Wednesday 6-8pm
1	What about an early Sunday afternoon time3-5
1	current time is works for me
1	weeknight preferred
1	Personally, I would love to meet on Saturday mornings. I'm not my best at the end of the day on Sunday when part of my head has already returned to work.
1	Sunday 4p.m. to 6 p.m. Can't come on Saturday mornings. I had to fill in the circles to complete the question but those are not possible options.
1	Why not keep our meeting times on Sunday evenings? Obviously it worked for many years at that time.
1	Sunday afternoon 4-6p.m. once a month would allow more time for people who have weekend family and Monday work commitments to juggle. If we meet once a month, I could forgo my usual Saturday morning meditation meeting.

12. Any other comments you would like to share regarding sangha?

Count	Response
1	I find the communal prayer and meditation very powerful
1	We don't think we will be coming any more so you can take us off the mailing list. Thanks.
1	We need to regroup if the Sangha is to survive.
1	I don't attend the sangha on a regular basis so I'm not sure how meaningful my choices are. I would prefer an earlier time on Sunday afternoons. Then I might come more frequently. I would like to see a little more meditation included in each session. I enjoy the retreats that I have been to and also the fellowship of the group. I like sessions when there is lectio divino. I enjoy listening to members of the group and people from the outside share talks about spiritual teachings.
1	I treasure the sangha even when I can't attend meetings regularly. Thank you for creating the survey and contemplating the results.
1	With Cyprian's withdrawal, there does not seem to be a central focus. The members mostly have separate practices and beliefs. Without a unifying force or person, it is going to be difficult to grow.
1	I'm rooting for a great new year, with renewed dedication to gathering great speakers and better communication between the service committee and the rest of us. I'm so grateful for the many years of our sharing and learning together. Let's not lose what we have had. I'm willing to help with whatever needs to happen to let our sangha flourish again. With love, Radha
1	I have not been able to attend any Sangha meetings this year - apologies! Saturdays could work better for me. Thank you. Qn 8 was a forced response - i have not participated in any so my ranking was creating a pattern.
1	I have been involved with the sangha in a very limited way, I used to live in San Jose. We recently moved to Capitola and I am hopeful that I will be able to attend sangha meetings more often.

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- 1 I live in the East Bay so do not get to the Sangha as often as I would like but I have found the spring retreats to be rich and rewarding and have attended at least 3 of them.
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- 1 I put rarely I would go to the Heritage, I think 3 times a year. When I committed to my walk with Sangha, it was so I could grow spiritually on new levels. I felt I was not being fed through my own Church. I look forward to the direction God has for our Sangha group.
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- 1 Thank you for giving your time and energy in producing this important survey. Peace, love, Jane.
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- 1 I think the service committee meetings should be open and all invited. If there are sensitive topics to address, a special meeting can be called for the official members.
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- 1 The community of sangha is very important to me. (I had difficulty ranking the items about what I appreciated most about sangha. I appreciate it all!) I am still working but will be interested in volunteering in activities as much as possible.
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- 1 I miss the group. I like the emphasis on practice meditation, chanting, etc. and learning about other faiths. Love supporting special events with Cyprian. I've loved the yearly retreats where we've gotten to hang out with each other. I would like to have more conversations where we share our own experience of faith, practice in a group setting. Thanks for doing this.
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- 1 I'm concerned about the drop in attendance and that it may be difficult to keep the Sangha in existence. Would like to discuss this at Dec. 14th meeting.
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- 1 Sangha has been invaluable in my spiritual journey. Fr. Cyprian, the people I've met, the shared meditation and prayer, the fellowship (especially that surrounding social action) have enriched my life. Thank you for this survey.
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- 1 This year we have been on travel more than usual and our attendance shows that. We like twice a month meetings and will attend as much as possible. I would not want yoga asanas to be part a regular part of the sangha meeting. Some yoga study would be good, but not to the exclusion of study of other traditions, including Christian tradition. I would be willing to go to the Hermitage for meetings with Father Cyprian every other month.
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- 1 I support anything that gives us common experiences to share and build on. I miss coming on a regular basis but I have realized that the meeting time is difficult for my schedule because I am often working on Sunday evening to prepare for the week. Really hoping for a change in gathering time.