

**VENERABLE BHIKKHUNĪ NHƯ CHÁNH  
& VENERABLE BHIKKHUNĪ NHƯ BẢO  
- SERVICE IN THREE JEWELS  
The Abbess of Huê Lâm Temple (Massachusetts)**

On January 7, 2005, the nuns bought an old church (built in 1920) in the city of Fitchburg, Massachusetts to convert it into a Vietnamese temple, Huê Lâm Temple (a branch of Huê Lâm Temple, the 11th District, Sài Gòn) as a place of practice for nuns and Buddhists in the eastern United States.

Huê Lâm Temple is fifteen years old and has gone through many stages of repair. In 2010, the roof tiles were replaced, in 2012 the main hall was repaired and in 2017, the meditation halls were renovated, along with the guest rooms. With generous contributions, labors and efforts of fellow Buddhists from near and far, and with the nuns on the spot to help, today there is a solemn Vietnamese temple set amidst the golden-leafed hills of Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

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With the moderate space (can accommodate about 200 people) of the main hall, Huê Lâm Temple every year organizes a retreat for nuns throughout the United States where fifty people gather for a ten-day course. They open many retreats in English and Vietnamese for Buddhists and adolescents from the Buddhist Youth Association, such as the the course, “Listen to understand, look back to love.” The temple has many enriching weekly, monthly and yearly programs with the purpose of sharing the Dharma and maintaining and introducing Vietnamese traditional culture to the local Vietnamese and American community.

In order to remind each other to live in the Dharma, many insight Dharma proverbs are engraved on the stones in the temple and in the yard:

**Zen Master Thích Nhất Hạnh:**

*Everything we touch in our daily lives, including our bodies, is a miracle. By putting the kingdom of god in the right place, it shows us it is possible to live happily right here, right now.*

*Mindfulness is the kind of Light that shows us the way . . . Mindfulness gives birth to insight, awakening, compassion and love.*

**Venerable Thích Như Thanh:**

*Oh disciples, the shrine I set up  
Oh disciples, the sacred text I transmitted  
Someday when I pass away  
I will transmit all my aspirations to you.*

*A gathering house, everywhere peaceful.  
Remember Buddha, recite Buddha's name.*

*By the fruits of karma, we are gathered here,  
Practice for ten days,  
Sisters diligently follow Dharma together  
Keeping the meditation lamp of ancestors.*

*Body and mind pure  
The resilient and strong will,  
The wisdom-merit practice together,  
The Bodhi is manifested  
The achievements attain soon.*

*Fame and fortune are illusory games,  
Talent and beauty are faded as the sunset.*

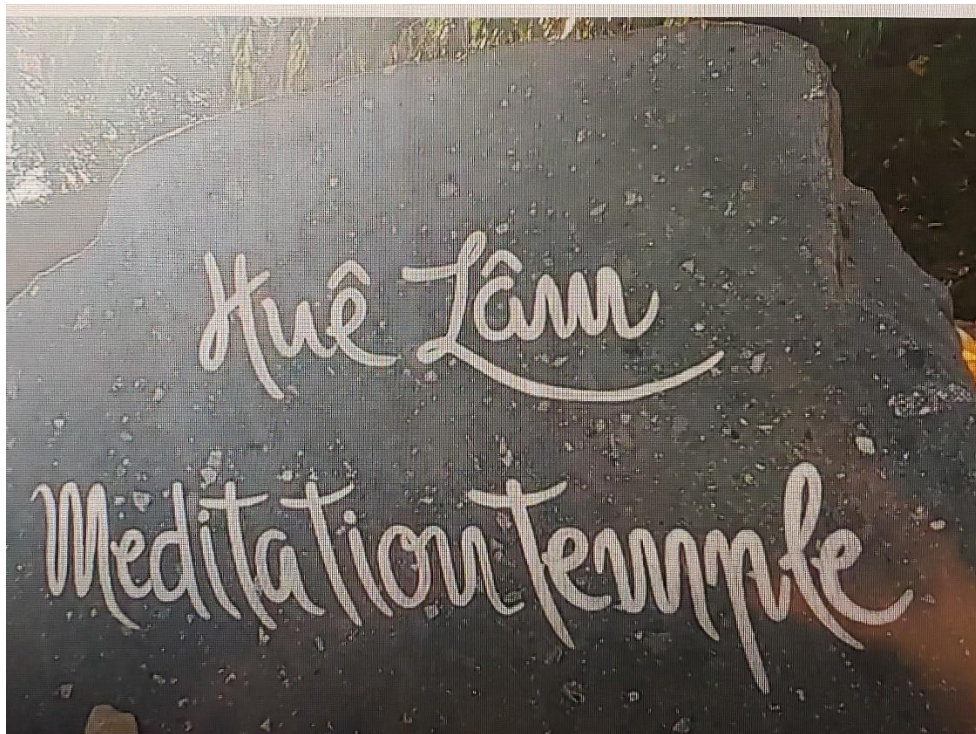
*Let the traveller return, the road is long,  
Dust, grief, with much sadness  
Gentle sleeping in the heart of Dharma,  
To soul of poetry hidden cherished.*

*You practice virtue whole life, nuns gather toward you,  
The everlasting benefit of sentient beings,  
The mirror of conduct along with nun sangha.*

Huong Sen Temple, July 4, 2020  
Warm Regards,  
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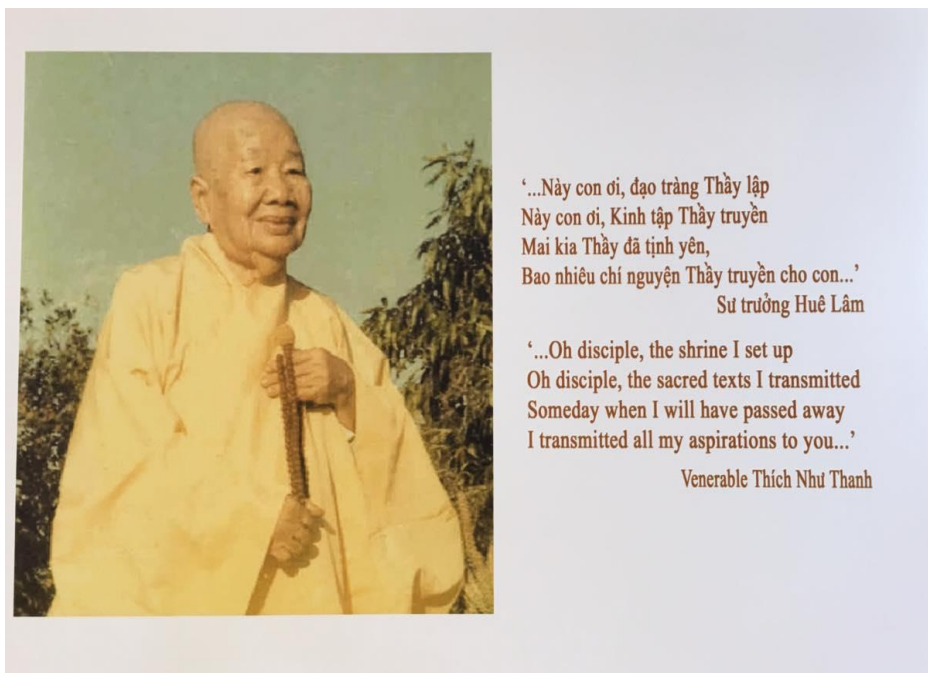


The sign at Huê Lâm Temple



Huê Lâm Meditation Temple





The Most Venerable Master Như Thanh



Chanting



The solumn ritual at the late Venerable Master Nhu Thanh's altar



The commemoration ceremony for the late Bhikkhunī Venerable Nhu Thủy  
at Huệ Lâm Pagoda, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, October 15, 2018

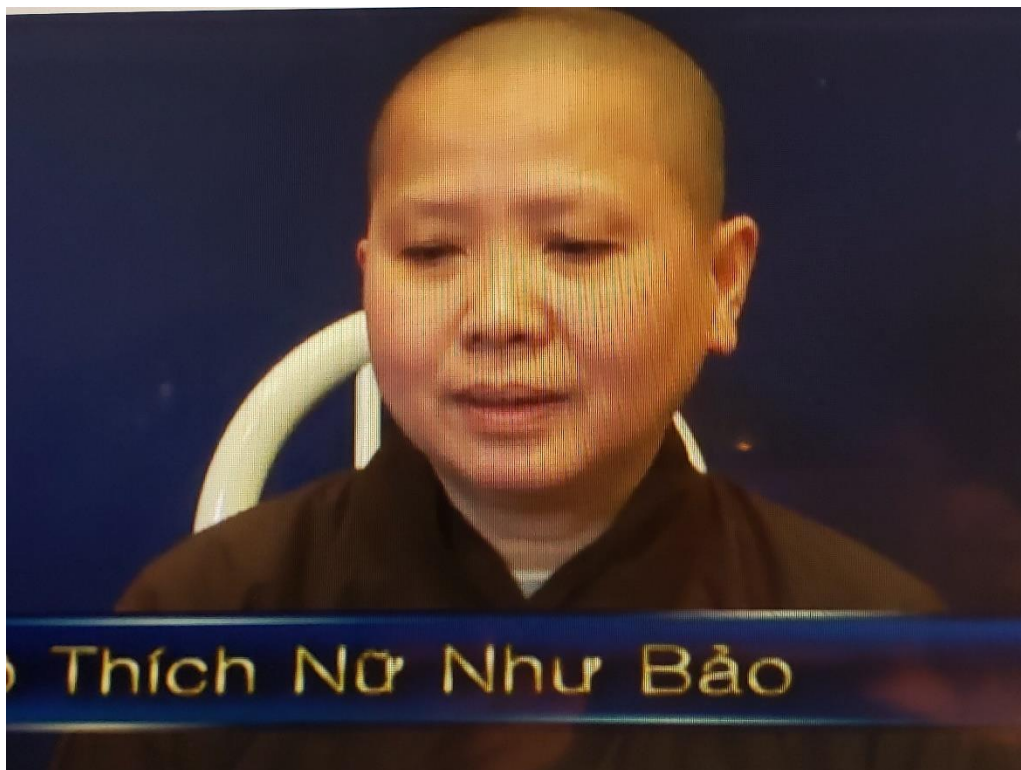




The commemoration



The Most Venerable Như Đức and Venerable Nuns



Ven. Bhikkhunī Như Bảo



Welcoming the spring at Huệ Lâm Temple Hall, 2019