

Boise Universal Peace Pagoda Restoration Project

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BOISE – The Open Path, a local non-profit is launching a crowd sourcing fundraising campaign on April 5 to restore Idaho's First and only Universal Peace Pagoda. The Buddhist Peace Pagoda urgently needs restoration to continue its compassionate benefits for present and future generations. The pagoda resides on a five-acre parcel of wooded property in the Robbie Creek area. The link to the crowdsourcing campaign <https://igg.me/at/boisepeacepagoda> will become live on April 5. Everyone is invited to contribute to this cause.

The Pagoda was built in 1982 by Open Path members under the direction of the Venerable Sayadaw U Thila Wunta, the abbot of Dat Pon Zon Monastery in Burma. The Venerable Sayadaw was a master builder of pagodas around the world, and the Universal Peace Pagoda was his gift of "enlightened form to Western students."

The Universal Peace Pagoda is a symbol and agent of transformation. The form itself shows the path of personal liberation, beginning with the grounding of being and the creation of inner peace. The upper shape symbolizes the channeling of personal aspiration and how to transform that into compassionate activity that benefits all sentient beings. In addition, its structure and composition helps to channel and magnify positive energies through the skillful application of its form and relics to aid all beings and cultivate world peace.

Along with the pagoda restoration, the Open Path is fundraising to complete some retreat center improvements for windows, doors and siding for the partially built retreat center on the five-acre parcel of land.

About the Open Path

The Open Path, a Center for Eastern and Western Studies, Inc. founded in 1976 is a 501C3 non-profit. It is a community of individuals dedicated to the unfoldment of consciousness through meditation, the study of philosophy and the performance of charitable works. The Open Paths hosts various spiritual teachers and retreats and has weekly meditation group meetings.

For More Information and Photos

You can review the **draft** of our Indiegogo campaign:

at <https://www.indiegogo.com/project/preview/b4ecbafd> On April 5 the draft link will be removed and the live campaign link will become active <https://igg.me/at/boisepeacepagoda>
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