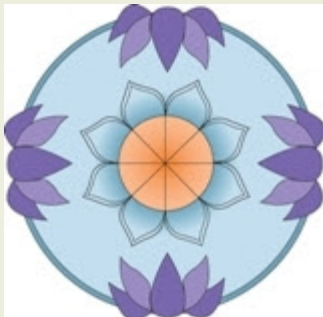




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**Welcome to Sakyadhita Canada's
October Full Moon newsletter.**



**THE SIGNIFICANCE OF POYA
(FULL MOON DAYS)**

Before the birth of Buddhism, Asian ascetics - in the ancient times before there were calendars - made it a practice on full moon days to cease worldly pursuits and take time for reflection and religious activities. The Buddha adopted this practice and it continues today.

The Buddhist calendar is a lunar one and most festivals are celebrated on the full moon day. In the West this is often adjusted to a weekend date so more people are able to participate.

This is a day when individuals can take some time to be quiet and reflect.

**October 17th, 2011
Bhikkhuni
Ordination**

A truly auspicious event will take place on Monday, October 17th when three candidates receive full ordination as a nun, or 'bhikkhuni', in the Theravada tradition. The ceremony will be held at Spirit Rock Meditation Centre in Woodacre, California, USA.

[Bhikkhuni Ordination](#)



DHARMA RISING

Airs on The Brand New ONE starting October 17
A three part documentary series that looks at the changing face of Buddhism in contemporary culture.

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Meditate

*Live purely, Be quiet
Do your work with mastery
Like the moon, come out
from behind the clouds
Shine!*

Buddha

SAKYADHITA CONFERENCE REFLECTIONS - 2011

A reflection from the past _ twenty years ago I attended the first Sakyadhita conference in Thailand (1991). Although the very first conference took place in Bodhgaya, India in 1987 the idea of holding international conferences on Buddhist women (ordained and laywomen) was born, and I was invited, by the late Venerable Ayya Khema, to attend the next conference as the Canadian representative.



1st International Conference 1991

There were three outstanding women who initiated this organization:
Sakyadhita _ Daughters of the Buddha:

The late Bhikkhuni Ayya Khema, Bhikkhuni Dr. Karma Lekshe Tsomo & Bhikkhuni Dr. Dhammananda- then known as Dr. Chatsumarn Kabilsingh. The conference, held at Thammasat University in Bangkok, offered a rich and inspiring gathering of Buddhist women (and a few men) from many countries, cultures and Buddhist traditions, and for me personally, I was hooked!

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