



Ways to Give

TO LOWER HAMLET



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WHY MONASTERIES?

Through his many years of activism, Thich Nhat Hanh realized that the most effective way to transform the roots of violence in the world is to create communities of peace.

Only through direct experience of deep practice in community can we shift the consciousness of individuals and, ultimately, of humanity. That's why Plum Village is committed to being a refuge for reconciliation and compassion in a divided world. It's also why we're working to make the Dharma as accessible as possible through online courses, our Youtube Channel, podcast, the Plum Village App, books, and many in-person events.

With your help, Plum Village will continue to serve as a **home** for our monastic and lay residents, a **training ground** for aspirants, a **refuge** for retreatants, a **laboratory** for envisioning fresh ways to share the Dharma, and a **place of pilgrimage** because of Thay's indelible mark on this special place.



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If we succeed in changing our own mentality, our consciousness, then we can help change the collective consciousness of the world.

—THICH NHAT HANH



Lower Hamlet

Building a Global Spiritual Refuge

A CAMPAIGN FOR PLUM VILLAGE FRANCE

OUR ASPIRATIONS

- Stabilize and fortify a resilient and inspiring refuge for residents and guests to heal and transform suffering
- Establish a strong, nurturing base from which we can share our insights with a global audience online and in other ways
- Expand our capacity to host people onsite so we can welcome guests year-round in an unpredictable climate
- Model an architecture of multi-cultural communal living that is harmonious, simple, ecologically forward, and sustainable
- Rewild, restore, and rehydrate the land with new water management and tree plantings



OUR CHALLENGE

Since the 1980s, the dilapidated farm buildings of Plum Village have been bootstrapped and self-built with the loving hands of volunteers and residents.

As we continue to offer spiritual sanctuary to more people every year, our shared home and land are taking the strain.

Today, monastic housing and facilities in Lower Hamlet no longer meet the new, strict European code requirements. The authorities are requiring us to upgrade our electric and water infrastructure. And we have had to dismantle the converted, asbestos-roofed tobacco shed where the monastics were living.

LOWER HAMLET'S IMMEDIATE NEEDS

- Build high-density accommodation and community training facilities for 60-75 monastics and aspirants from 12 nationalities, to include dorms, a zendo, library, communal areas and classrooms
- And so make immediately available 60 building code-compliant beds for guests onsite, including a yoga hall, library, laundry facilities and common spaces
- Create ponds, prairie land, a food forest and dry river beds, as well as all-weather paths and plantings of more than 1,000 trees
- Redesign water flow, electricity, and energy use across the site to efficiently meet growing demands

