

# Reconciliation attempt

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Dear Kim Loan and Minh Tu,

The judge has spoken. After nearly 3 years of litigation, there is now a clear verdict.

The legal proceedings have dramatically divided the community and done undeniable damage to the temple. With the January 22 verdict in hand, it may be time to work towards reconciliation.

Although financial mismanagement has not been confirmed in all the proceedings conducted in recent years, there are still several misunderstandings that must be cleared up before mutual trust can be restored. To this end, the Board has already attempted to clarify this in November 2024, under the mediation of Buddhist Union President Mr. R. Unfortunately, we did not get around to a substantive discussion at that time. It seems good to provide that clarity now. This is in the interest of the entire community.

Perhaps Mr. R. could again be asked to lead this mediation. An alternative might be to ask the court to appoint a mediator again, but that will again incur additional costs (while Mr. R. offers his services unpaid).

It is in the interest of the entire community that the hatchet be buried. It is not in the foundation's interest to seek the highest possible financial compensation. Therefore, that is not the board's intention. Indeed, the greatest damage is immaterial in nature. That damage cannot be expressed in monetary terms and can only be repaired through a mutual conversation based on respect. When that can be achieved, the community can begin to flourish again, and the flow of income will also naturally resume.

Therefore, the board of the Linh Son Temple Foundation would like to reach out to you once again to conclude this endless struggle, in the interest of the entire Buddhist community. We look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

Frank Visser & Master Thích Trí Thoát

On behalf of the board of Linh Son Temple