

BomHyon Sunim
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Venerable BomHyon Sunim is a bhikkhuni ordained in the Mahayana Korean Sōn (Zen) tradition. Meditator, teacher, and a past chair of the Australian Sangha Association, Sunim is a leading representative of Buddhism in Australia, and an advocate for Buddhist chaplaincy and spiritual care, actively engaged in promoting inclusion of Buddhists in spiritual/pastoral care delivery for prisons, healthcare, defence and universities. In 2011 Sunim established the Healthcare Chaplaincy project for the Buddhist Council of Victoria in conjunction with the peak body, Spiritual Health Assoc, and since 2013 she has served as the Buddhist representative on the Religious Advisory Committee to Defence and mentors ADF Buddhist chaplains and new recruits. Sunim is also an Advisory Board member of the Contemplative Studies Centre, Melbourne University.

While residing in Victoria, Sunim engaged in interfaith dialogue with Fr John's group at the Jansen Centre and was a frequent visitor to the Sancta Sophia Meditation Centre in Warburton where she lived for some years before moving to Melbourne to serve as the resident teacher of the Bodhi Ahm Buddhist Centre. Late 2016, she relocated to the Korean Jongbop Sa monastery in Sydney but took to the Southern Highlands during COVID where she remains in residence. Sunim is now in her final year of a doctoral research study at Western Sydney University, her study investigates Gens Y/Z students' worldviews, values, and perspectives on religion and spirituality.

A postgraduate Fellow of the Chulalongkorn University (Bangkok), Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies program, Sunim is also a teacher and practitioner of Nonviolent Communication and has a deep commitment to live and learn with others who are motivated to support each other ecologically and compassionately, in right relationship to the planet and all beings.



