

**Open Meeting sponsored by the Albuquerque Vipassana Sangha (AVS) for Anyone interested in further explorations into**

## **Engaged Buddhism**

**Friday, August 13, 2010 at the home of Christine Hall, 10315  
Propps Street, NE.  
6:30 p.m.**

Over a three month period earlier this year, an AVS sponsored Study Group met and focused in detail on Engaged Buddhism (EB), using readings chosen by the study group organizers and Dharma Teacher/Sponsor, Brian LeSage. This Study Group sponsored two movie nights for Sangha members and friends that presented issues of EB. At the completion of our investigation, we presented two Thursday night Dharma talks on what we had learned about Engaged Buddhism--it seems to have started a Sangha-wide discussion!

Although the original Study Group no longer exists per se, some of its members are interested in continuing the conversation and supporting AVS-sponsored EB activities. The format might be a less-structured forum where further discussion and expression of Engaged Buddhism can develop within our Sangha.

Some possibilities we might consider:

- explore how social justice activities are in alignment w/the teachings of the Buddha's Noble Eightfold Path
- sponsor specific social justice actions which AVS members could create and participate in together
- support each other in the use of mindfulness to prevent burn-out, increase effectiveness/creativity as activists in our personal and political lives
- consider working w/AVS board to create a social justice committee that would coordinate social justice activities for the Sangha, thereby manifesting the 5th Aspiration in our AVS mission statement: "compassionate action through service"
- continue to present Thursday/Sunday night Community Night Dharma talks on EB

Please respond to this email and let us know if you are interested and can attend.

Or, call Anne Arkin at 867-3007 or Tiska at 256-3785.