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Prison as a void creates the potential for us as individuals to catch up with ourselves and get HERE. Prison can be a Hell realm, or it can be a monastery -- whichever we choose it to be.

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For the vast majority of people coming into the system this process is the most radical upheaval that's taken place in our lives. You can see this written plainly on the faces of new arrivals; a fumbling for the familiar fulcrum and all of the former pieces of our story-lines that may simply have no bearing on prison and its culture.

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Being inside prison, in any capacity, reminds me of Hsueh-Feng's 'Closed-Fisted Teacher'. It is a place that is completely unconcerned about its occupants and thus gives rise to a myriad of paths -- many of which perpetuate egotism, dualism, and reactionary complicity. Is it not our responsibility as practitioners, teachers, volunteers to give a voice to impermanence, selflessness, and causality?

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This pervasive undercurrent of groundlessness is the imperative and experiential quality of Buddhist practice. Therefore, in order to get HERE, it is equally imperative that we provide the experience of coming into contact with the Buddha, the Dharma, the Sangha.

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Thank you all for your practices.

Gassho,

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