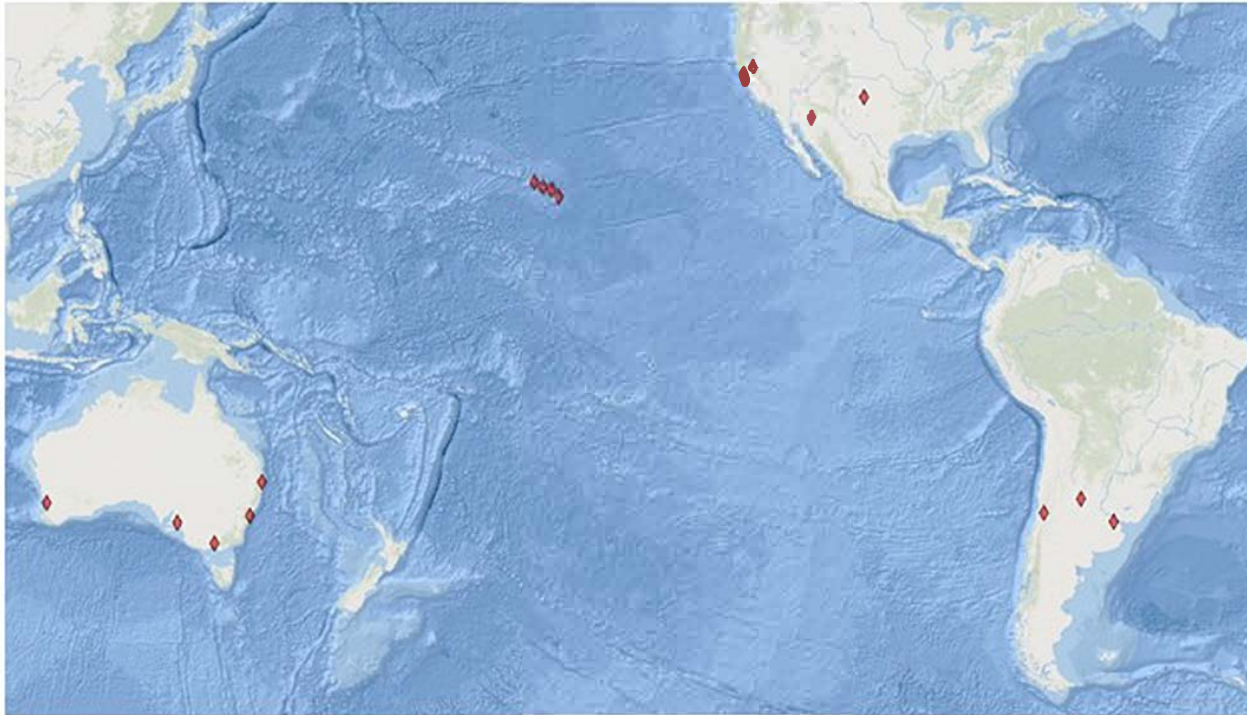


Casting Indra's Net across the Pacific: Robert Aitken and the Growth of the Diamond Sangha as a Trans-Pacific Zen Movement



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Robert Baker Aitken cofounded Diamond Sangha with his wife Anne Hopkins Aitken as a small living room sangha in their Honolulu home in 1959. First encountering Zen while a civilian POW in Japan during the Pacific War, Aitken returned to Japan in peacetime to practice in Zen monasteries. This paper traces the growth of Diamond Sangha from its humble beginnings to its role as a major hub for the flow of trans-Pacific Zen, from the islands of Hawai'i east to the continental United States and Latin America, and west to Australia and New Zealand.



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