Membership Information

Ananda said to the Buddha: "Half of this holy life, Lord, is good and noble friends, companionship with the good, association with the good."

"Do not say that Ananda. It is the *whole* of this holy life, this friendship, this companionship, this association with the good."

Member Activities

Weekly & Daily Practice schedule for Regular Members

Membership sittings take place Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Regular members can stay over Saturday night at the temple for early Sunday morning sittings. The temple is always available to regular members as a place of meditation and Dharma practice. Weekday morning practice takes place from 6 to 7:15 a.m. Monday through Friday. Weekday evening practice takes place from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Please check the temple calendar to see if there is no evening practice due to other temple events.

Sunday Public Services

Temple holds two public services to serve all who are interested in Buddhist learning and practice. Sunday morning pubic service is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and Sunday afternoon Dharma service from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Members may offer regular help with the public services and other temple events by serving on the Advisory Council.

Sangha Days and Membership Meetings

All members, family and friends are invited to participate in community gatherings on Sangha Days which occur five times a year. All members are encouraged to attend the spring and fall membership meetings to discuss practice and provide mutual encouragement and inspiration.

Membership Donation

The temple's Dhama work relies on generosity of the Sangha (community). Members are committed to regular giving in order to sustain the temple. Please consider giving more than the minimum required donation as your means and circumstances allow. Members are encouraged to sign up for automatic giving plan or provide post-dated checks to ensure continuity of giving. All donations are tax-deductible.

Types of Membership

Regular Member

Minimum monthly donation $40

1. Has completed Introductory Meditation Course.
2. Does meditation and Dharma practice regularly.
3. Attends temple practice regularly.

General Member

Monthly donation $20–$40

Anyone who attends the Sunday public services regularly or occasionally and wishes to support the temple can become a general member.

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Membership Registration

Type of membership: ☐ General ☐ Regular

Today's Date _____

Name _____

Birth date _____ Place of birth _____

Address _____

Zip/Postal Code _____ E-mail _____

Phone number (c)_____ (w) _____

Occupation _____

Last school attended _____

Previous religious affiliation _____

How did you become interested in Buddhism? _____

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Membership Donation Pledge:

I would like to pledge monthly $_____ or yearly $_____ donation to help the temple's Dharma work.

(Temple would appreciate a minimum of $40 monthly ($50 for NYC). Consider giving one hour of earning each week or two percent of your salary. Your regular membership donation is the most important source of revenue.)

Contact in case of emergency: Name _____ Phone_____

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_____date completed Introductory Meditation Course

_____amount of first donation

_____check number or cash

_____initial month of membership

_____added to mailing list

_____member card made

_____new member welcome letter sent