

I pledge to support my practice and Stone Creek Zen Center with my membership, starting

_____ (month) _____ (year).

I select the following level of membership:

- Individual, \$55 per month
- Family, \$80 per month
- Sustaining, \$100 or \$_____ per month
- Customized, \$_____ per month

I will pay... monthly _____
quarterly _____

My name:

My mailing address:

My phone numbers:

Home: _____

Cell: _____

Work: _____

My email address:

Stone Creek Zen Center is a Buddhist practice center in the Soto tradition, dedicated to the dharma teachings of awakening to reality and living compassionately in this impermanent, interdependent world. The core activity at the center is zazen, or wholehearted sitting here and now.

Members of this sangha aim to extend their practice throughout each day, living consciously as part of the interconnected web of beings supporting one another's lives.



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 Stone Creek Zen Center

Stone Creek Zen Center is a nonprofit organization under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Service Code. Our federal tax ID number is 31-1547322.



Becoming a
member of

**STONE CREEK
ZEN CENTER**



As a member of Stone Creek Zen Center, you have the opportunity to...

☒ Deepen your Zen practice

Stone Creek Zen Center supports your practice as you sit zazen, study dharma with teachers, and connect with other practitioners. It provides a container for your practice and a resource for anyone who wants to hear the dharma. With your support, Stone Creek offers eighteen periods of zazen each week, weekly dharma talks, monthly practice days, periodic sesshins (intensive retreats), dokusan, study groups, and ceremonies.

☒ Create community

At Stone Creek, zazen-based practice is integrated with daily life. The sangha community comes together for various forms of practice, for celebrations (Buddha's Birthday, Remembrance Day) and for mutual support as we follow the Buddha Way of wisdom and compassion.

☒ Volunteer to help

Zen has always emphasized work as part of practice. Support Stone Creek by volunteering to work on special or ongoing projects such as community service programs, sangha events, fundraisers (Zen Fest, Buddhist Film Series), administrative tasks, and building and garden maintenance and improvement.

☒ Practice generosity: support the Zen Center

Generosity is essential to all dharma practice. A commitment to membership reminds us of our intention to practice with our whole life. Your membership sustains the teachings, supports teachers, and maintains the center.

Membership is the primary financial support for Stone Creek. Committed giving is essential to daily operation of the center. Having regular pledged income lets us budget for expenses and develop programs.

Membership is not the same as sangha participation. Anyone may practice as part of the Stone Creek sangha. Membership is a commitment to your Zen practice and to Stone Creek.

Our annual operating fund appeal and other fundraising activities reach out to a wide circle of people who care about Stone Creek. These additional contributions help ensure the future of the center, but it is the regular, systematic support by our members that keeps the center alive.

Your contribution to Stone Creek Zen Center is tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. The center is a nonprofit organization under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Service Code. Our federal tax ID number is 31-1547322.



Becoming a member of Stone Creek

Choose a membership based on the level of support you are able to pledge. Limited means should not hinder anyone's participation.

Complete the information on the opposite side of this page, cut on the dotted line, and mail it (with your first contribution) to Stone Creek Zen Center, PO Box 56, Sebastopol, CA 95473. You may also bring the form and your payment to the Stone Creek office.

Call the zendo office at 707 887 1116, or email us at stonecreek@sonic.net for more information.

Levels of membership are:

Individual membership: \$55 per month.

Family membership: for multiperson households who practice together at Stone Creek. \$80 per month.

Sustaining membership: for individuals and families who wish to support at a higher level. \$100 or more per month.

Customized membership: for individuals with limited means. Pledge an amount each month that works for you.

Membership Benefits

Members receive discounts on all fee-based activities.

Members receive one free half-day sit yearly.