

I pledge to support my practice and Stone Creek Zen Center with my monthly membership beginning:

_____ (month) _____ (year)

I select the following level of membership:

- Individual, \$65/ month
- Family, \$95/month
- Sustaining, \$120/ month
- Customized, \$ _____/ month

I will pay... monthly _____
quarterly _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone and email: _____

check here if you would NOT like your information to be published in the membership directory

Stone Creek Zen Center is a Buddhist practice center in the Soto Zen 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 whole-hearted sitting meditation.

Stone Creek Zen Center is dedicated to every one of us realizing our true nature. It is the deep intention of the teachers and sangha to welcome and support people of every race, nationality, class, economic status, gender, sexual orientation, age, and physical ability to engage this practice, participate in this community, and embody this way of life.

www.stonecreekzencenter.org

Zen Center address:

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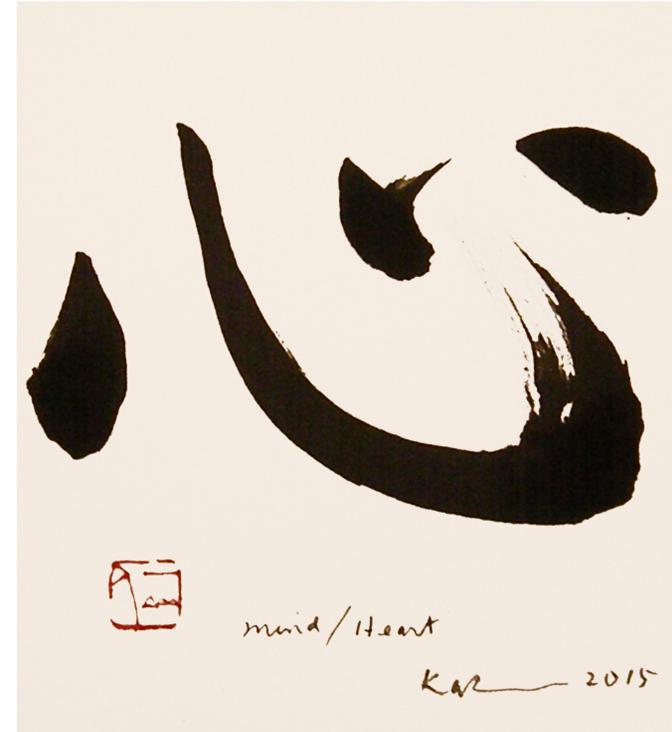
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**Becoming a Member
of
Stone Creek
Zen Center**

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

Deepen Your Practice

Stone Creek supports your practice as you sit zazen, study Zen teachings and philosophy 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 regular meditation periods throughout the week, a weekly Sunday program including a Dharma talk and discussion, monthly extended sittings, several retreats each year, an annual intensive practice period, as well as classes, ceremonies, meetings with teachers and study groups. And as a member you will receive significant discounts on any fee-based activities.

Create Community

At Stone Creek, Zen practice is grounded in both meditation practice and in the treasure of Sangha, the community of practitioners. Through careful attention and investigation into our lives in a context of wisdom and compassion, we grow together in bringing the foundational aspects of zazen practice: careful, into our activities together and into our daily activities in the community beyond.

Volunteer

The Zen tradition has always emphasized work as an integral part of practice. Stone Creek offers many opportunities to get involved, from one-time events, to ongoing projects: learning to help host Buddhist services and meditation periods, gardening, fundraising, coming together for our annual Zen Fest, and more.

Practicing Generosity:

Supporting the Zen Center

Dana Paramita, or the practice of generosity is a foundational teaching in Buddhist practice. A commitment to membership reminds us of our intention to practice with our whole life. Your membership sustains the teachings, supports the teachers, and maintains the center itself.

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

Our annual appeal and other fundraising activities reach out to the wider community of people who care about Stone Creek. These contributions ensure the growth and future of the center, but it is the regular support by our members that keeps the center alive.

The generosity of many people has allowed Stone Creek to purchase its home and to begin making improvements and growing roots into the Graton community.

Becoming a member of Stone Creek

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

Complete the form on the opposite side of this page, tear this section off, attach your first payment, and either bring it to the office at Stone Creek, or mail it to the address below.

If you have any questions, please contact the office by email at:
stonecreek@sonic.net
or by phone: 707-829-1129

Levels of membership:

-Individual: \$65 per month

-Family: for households with multiple family members who practice at Stone Creek.
\$95 per month

-Sustaining membership: for those who are able to support the Zen Center at a higher level.
\$120 per month

-Customized membership: for those with limited income. Pledge an amount that works for your monthly budget.

Stone Creek Zen Center is a religious non-profit 501(c)3. Your contributions to Stone Creek Zen Center are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

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