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Practice Term Student Application - Fall 2010

Becoming a Term Student is a way to give focus to a Practice Term. Following through with a commitment for 90 days helps to solidify the position Dharma takes in our lives and challenges us to follow our yearnings for a more authentic way of life. The commitments are generated in consultation with the Term Teacher and should include the following elements:

- **Zazen Schedule:** daily zazen at home or the Zendo.
- **Attendance at three Thursday evening term meetings:** Three Thursday evenings have been designated for joint meetings with the Fall Term Trainees: September 30, October 28 and December 2. Absences other than emergencies for these three evenings will need to be arranged before the start of term.
- **Zendo Upkeep:** Term students are expected to help with the functioning of the temple by taking up a practice position (doan-ino [presenter], groundskeeper, jisha [attendant], jikido [time-keeper], shika [greeter], tenzo [cook]), participating in work days, bringing refreshments or other volunteer work. For more information about practice positions and/or volunteer work in the zendo, please contact the current practice position leads; these are listed on the Zendo bulletin board.
- **Sanzen:** Ejo is available on a regular basis for private meetings. Term Students should plan to meet with Ejo at least 5 times during the term.
- **Dharma Study:** The study topic for the term is the Six Paramitas (the “perfections” of the bodhisattva path). A reading packet will be available at the first Tuesday evening class. You may like to investigate the Paramitas and attend the Tuesday classes, or you may decide to study something else that interests you.
- **Participation in Retreats:** we will have two short and one week-long retreat throughout the term. All retreats are held at the Zendo and are optional.

If you would like to be a Term Student then do the following:

1. Consult with Ejo about being a Term Student and your thoughts about a practice schedule and zendo upkeep commitment.
2. Fill out this application and sign. If you have a spouse/partner you’ll need to review the application with them and have them sign as well.
3. Ejo will review your application and return it to you with his seal.
4. Make a copy of your application for your own reference.
5. Bring your application to the Term Opening ceremony on September 19th. Applications should be in an envelope and be accompanied by a money offering to the Term Teacher, Ejo. The offering is your participation in the reciprocal relationship of the “generosity of teaching” and the “generosity of assets” within this special arrangement of Term Student and is a way for you to show your gratitude. There is no set amount.

Please attach a separate sheet outlining your proposed zazen schedule, participation in retreats, zendo upkeep, sanzen and dharma study.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Spouse/Partner Signature: _____ Date: _____

Ejo’s Seal