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WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THOSE HELPING TO ENSURE OUR SUSTAINABILITY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS OF WAY-SEEKERS BY INCLUDING DHARMA RAIN IN THEIR ESTATE PLANS.

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE DHARMA RAIN IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS, OR HAVE ALREADY DONE SO,
CONTACT KAKUMYO LOWE-CHARDE AT 503.239.4846 OR KAKUMYO@DHARMA-RAIN.ORG.



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WHY PLANNED GIVING?

Planned giving is for everyone, regardless of how small or large your financial estate may be.

Planned giving is a way to express generosity and receive the joy of making a difference by supporting Dharma Rain Zen Center in the future. Reflecting on your priorities enables you to leave a legacy that will help the dharma to flourish for years to come. Such planning gives you the confidence that the dharma will continue to be cultivated and cared for, expresses appreciation for the sangha, and provides satisfaction of upholding our practice, teachings and community.

Planned giving can also provide significant tax savings – unused benefits can be taxed at rates up to 75% if left to heirs. Charitable income and estate tax deductions may also provide means of maximizing your ability to support the dharma and other commitments. Redirecting all or a portion of your estate that would otherwise go to taxes enables you to make a larger gift than might otherwise be possible, while still providing for others.

Dharma Rain Zen Center also benefits from a reliable source of income through planned gifts. Most importantly, future generations of way-seekers will have access to our array of practices, teachings and programs.

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SOME WAYS TO GIVE THROUGH PLANNED GIVING

Make a bequest to Dharma Rain Zen Center. Add a written statement to your will or trust directing specific assets, a percentage of your estate, or the remainder of your estate to be transferred at your death.

Sample bequest language:

“I wish to remember Dharma Rain Zen Center of Portland, Oregon, a qualifying 501(c)3 organization, with a gift in the amount of \$_____, or a designated percentage of _____% of my charitable estate, for its general use and purposes (EIN: 93-6095067).”

Name Dharma Rain Zen Center as beneficiary on an IRA, 401(k), 403(b) or pension. You may find that gifts of retirement assets can save your heirs undue tax burdens and allow you to accomplish your charitable objectives. When bequeathed to individuals, your assets will be taxed. As a charity, Dharma Rain Zen Center will not have to pay income taxes on the assets, which may allow you to make a larger gift and possibly save other nontaxable assets for your heirs.

Transfer stock to Dharma Rain Zen Center. Transferring appreciated assets can bring significant tax savings to you as a donor.



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ADDITIONAL WAYS TO GIVE THROUGH PLANNED GIVING

Name Dharma Rain Zen Center as beneficiary of a life insurance policy. There are several ways to do this:

Donate a Percentage. Designate a percentage of your life insurance policy.

Offer a Paid-Up Policy. Many people own life insurance, and some have policies that have outlived their original purpose. For instance, policies for a college education, insuring a business, or protecting a mortgage can make excellent gifts when given to a charitable organization. And the donor can deduct the replacement value of the policy.

Buy a New Policy. Some people find they can make a much larger gift than they could otherwise by purchasing a new life insurance policy and naming Dharma Rain Zen Center as beneficiary. The future premiums paid are deductible as cash contributions.

Buy Insurance to Replace a Bequest. Some people find that they can make a current gift of assets they had planned to bequeath in their wills. They receive the income tax benefits now and replace the assets by buying a life insurance policy for that amount. They enjoy the satisfaction of giving, and receiving the tax deduction now when they need it most. The beneficiaries will still receive the same amount.



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USE OF PLANNED GIFTS

Planned Gifts will be used to further Dharma Rain's mission:

*To transmit the teachings and practice of Soto Zen Buddhism
by cultivating compassion, love and wisdom.*

STEPS FOR PLANNED GIVING

1. The complexity of your estate and type of gift determine the process of arranging a planned gift. This can be simple for an IRA, pension plan or life insurance policy, and sometimes can be done by you online or with one call to the sponsoring institution.
2. Setting up a will, charitable trust or life income gift may require professional assistance.
3. For more complex estates, contact your lawyer, accountant, insurance agent, financial planner or broker to make your bequest or transfer, or to name a beneficiary.
4. Complete and sign the "Letter of Intent for Future Estate Gift" return it by mail or in person to Dharma Rain Zen Center, 8500 NE Siskiyou Street, Portland, Oregon 97220.
5. Keep a copy of the "Letter of Intent" and place it with your other estate documents.



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LETTER OF INTENT FOR FUTURE ESTATE GIFT

I/we have included Dharma Ran Zen Center in my/our estate plans. I/we understand that this commitment is revocable, can be modified at any time, and is not legally binding.

Name(s) _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

It is my/our intent to leave a legacy gift through my/our:

Will ___ Retirement Assets (please specify) _____ Life Insurance ___ Other ___

The approximate value of my/our gift as of this date is \$ _____. (If your gift is a percentage of your estate, please indicate the approximate present value of that percentage, if you can.)

Including your name(s) among our list of donors helps us promote our Branching Streams Society, and encourages others to consider leaving a similar legacy gift (the amount of your gift is not referenced). Please let us know if you would prefer us not to use your name.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____



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