

Join Us in Ensuring a Legacy for Berkeley Zen Center



When we make choices about inheritance toward the end of our life, it is a wonderful thing to include support for our spiritual home or practice place by establishing a trust or annuity in our will. In this way we express our gratitude for the Dharma, the Sangha, the path, the teachers, and all that we have received along the Way. This generosity will contribute to the continuity and well-being of BZC for generations to come and will be remembered. Thank you so much for considering this.

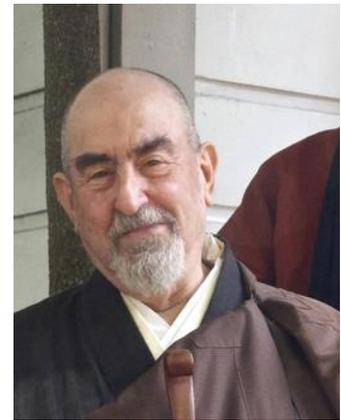
Abbot Sojun Weitsman

Berkeley Zen Center has provided an encouraging and warm refuge for both priest and lay Zen students since 1967. In the lineage of Suzuki Roshi and Soto Zen Buddhism and under the guidance of our Abbot Sojun Mel Weitsman and Vice-Abbot Hozan Alan Senauke, Berkeley Zen Center has grown and taken deep roots in the Buddhist community.

Our Sangha includes a small residential community and a membership that numbers more than two hundred. We are wholly supported by member and friend dues and donations.

Cultivating the Spirit of Dana

As we look ahead, BZC must maintain and upgrade our property, support our teachers, and find new ways to make our practice available to our troubled world. To ensure that our vibrant center can continue to thrive, the Board of BZC invites Sangha members and friends to contribute to our Building and Leadership Funds, and to include BZC in your planned giving.



Here's how:

- Make a tax-deductible gift of personal property, land and other real estate, securities, life insurance, retirement plans, or annual donations.
- Create an endowment or cash grant from a foundation.
- Make a bequest designating an amount or percentage of your estate or a contingent amount.
- Name BZC as a beneficiary for your retirement fund or life insurance policy.
- Establish trusts or annuities that permit a donor to make a gift during his or her lifetime, while still receiving income from capital, securities, or other property involved.

If you are considering designating BZC as a beneficiary (or have already done so) and would like us to know, please contact the BZC Treasurer by sending an email to the Office Manager (bzcofficermanager@gmail.com).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL OUR
OFFICE MANAGER:

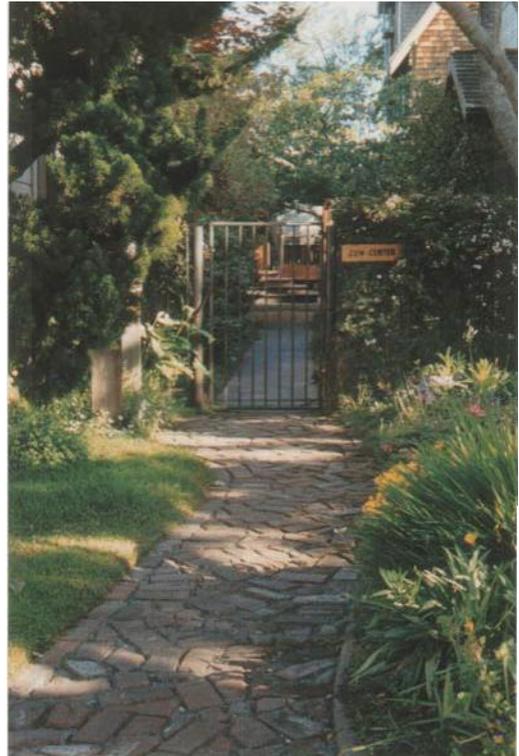
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or SPEAK WITH A MEMBER OF OUR
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Alan Senauke, Maria Winston, Katy
Guimond, Laurie Senauke, Mary Beth
Lamb

For general information about planned
giving, you may want to check out this
online resource:

<https://plannedgiving.com/what-is-planned-giving/>



Money expresses the value of things which change. If money is going slowly all over our society, then our society is healthy. So money purifies our world. It is a very important thing for us when we take care of it and respect it. Just to sit on the black cushion is not the only practice. How we treat money is a very important practice for us.

Shunryu Suzuki-Roshi