

**Berkeley Zen Center**, in the lineage of Suzuki Roshi and Soto Zen Buddhism, has provided an encouraging and warm refuge for lay Zen students since 1967.

Under the guidance of Sojun Mel Weitsman, Berkeley Zen Center has grown and taken deep roots in the lay community.



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

## **Cultivating the Spirit of Dana**



*"How you treat money is (a) very important practice for us..... It is a very important thing ... when we take care of it and respect it. How you make the best use of it is to ..... help our society."*

**Shunryu Suzuki-Roshi**

As we look ahead, BZC will be entering a different chapter in its growth and financial need.

To ensure the ongoing health and well being of the teachers, Sangha and structures at BZC, the Board of BZC invites Sangha members and friends to consider increasing regular donations to the Fund for the Future and to consider one of the options for planned giving.

## **Support Upcoming Projects:**

- major structural repairs such as a new roof for the zendo
- digitalization of all lectures
- solar conversion project
- an endowment fund to more adequately support our abbot and teachers in the future.

***There are many ways to include BZC in your planned giving ....***

***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***, either deferred with retained control, outright in a will or trust, designating a 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.

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us:**

Visit  
[www.berkeleyzencenter.org](http://www.berkeleyzencenter.org) for  
detailed information on options  
for giving

**OR**

**SPEAK WITH A MEMBER OF  
OUR STEERING  
COMMITTEE:**

**John Rubin, Gerry Oliva,  
Andrea Thach or Sue Oehser**



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Ensuring a Legacy  
for Berkeley Zen  
Center**

