

# HONOLULU DIAMOND SANGHA

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## MEMBERSHIP/FRIENDSHIP DECLARATION

*Dāna is the spirit and act of generosity.*

*Its salutary effects are endless, and they multiply beyond measure at each point of renewal.*

*(Robert Aitken: The Practice of Perfection)*

The Honolulu Diamond Sangha has established two categories of participation and commitment: *Member* and *Friend*. Please review the descriptions below and then declare, in the space provided on the reverse side, the category that most closely matches your level of participation.

- **Members** consider HDS their dharma home and participate in our programs (group zazen, samu, sesshin, committee meetings, dharma study, etc.) twice a month or more, on average. They also contribute financial support. Most people give between \$50 and \$200 per month. We gratefully accept whatever you can give. Members' privileges include reduced rates for sesshin and the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors and to fully participate in sangha decision-making meetings.

To initially establish membership, you must have been practicing Zen with the Honolulu Diamond Sangha for at least three months and have submitted a membership declaration and pledge form (*see reverse*) in which you affirm that the Honolulu Diamond Sangha is your dharma home. Those who live off-island but maintain an active teacher-student relationship with Michael Kieran may also be members.

- **Friends** feel an affinity for HDS and contribute financially, but don't participate in our programs as actively as Members or don't feel ready to join as Members. Friends include those just starting to practice with us, those who once were active members of the sangha and now live elsewhere, and others who simply wish to support our efforts to nurture the dharma. We rely on the financial support of Friends and welcome their participation in our activities whenever they are able.

*All pledges and gifts are received with gratitude. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.*

On the reverse side, please indicate the amount of your pledge of financial support to HDS for the year 2017 and how you intend to make your payment(s). All contributions are fully deductible for federal and state income tax purposes to the extent provided by law.

Members and Friends automatically receive our quarterly newsletter by email, as well as periodic email reports from the Board of Directors letting them know about current events. If you would like to receive the newsletter but aren't declaring yourself a Member or Friend of HDS, please provide your email address on the enclosed form or contact us at the office, and we will add you to the mailing list. If you wish to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please contact the Administrator or indicate that on your pledge declaration form.

