

HONOLULU DIAMOND SANGHA

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2025 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 to \$200 per month. We gratefully accept whatever you can give. Members' privileges include reduced rates and priority for sesshin attendance 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 are also encouraged to contribute to HDS as a Member in support of Michael's teaching.

- **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 2025 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.

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Please select one of the declarations and provide your contact information.

○ Declaration of Membership: I support the Honolulu Diamond Sangha. I fulfill the criteria for membership as described and consider myself to be a Member of HDS. The Honolulu Diamond Sangha is my dharma home. This includes “off-island Members” who have a recognized and active teacher-student relationship with Micheal Kieran.

○ Declaration of Friendship: I support the Honolulu Diamond Sangha and consider myself a Friend of HDS.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Street or P.O. Box

City

State

Zip

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please declare your pledge of financial support and how you intend to make your payment(s).

Declaration of Financial Support:

For 2025, I pledge to the Honolulu Diamond Sangha the total amount of: \$ _____

I will pay my pledge in full, or in installments as follows:

- In full Enclosed: _____ On (date): _____
- Semiannually On (dates): _____
- Quarterly
- Monthly

I will make my payment(s) by:

- Check, payable to *Honolulu Diamond Sangha*
- PayPal to *info@diamondsangha.org*
- MasterCard or Visa

For credit card payment(s), provide the following information:

Card number: _____ Expiration date: ____/____ CVS (3 digits): _____

Signature: _____ Amount: \$ _____

By signing above, I authorize Honolulu Diamond Sangha, Inc. to charge my account in the amount indicated. If I have specified a payment schedule other than “In full,” I authorize Honolulu Diamond Sangha, Inc. to charge my account on or before the 10th day of the month(s).

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Please sign on the line above and return your completed form in the enclosed envelope. Thank you.