

Great Tree Zen Temple

Spring — 2019



MISSION

Great Tree Zen Women's Temple seeks the breadth of Soto Zen practice, as described by Dogen Zenji. We open our hearts and minds to cultivate an expansive and integrated awareness.

Dear Great Tree Supporters:

We so much appreciate your gifts. You keep us afloat. Your pledges let us know that we are serving you and that you value our mission and presence in your life.

REGULAR PLEDGES, monthly or quarterly, allow us to keep up with bills, instead of playing catch-up later.

REGULAR EXPENSES include:

- Building Loan
- Utilities
- Building & Grounds Maintenance
- Stipends & Staff Development
- Administrative Expenses
- Retreat/Sesshin Expenses
- Property Taxes & Insurance
- Employee Taxes & Social Security

HOW ARE YOUR DONATIONS SPENT?

In many ways, Great Tree's needs are like those of our own homes and households. Utilities, insurance, and property taxes are paid, along with monthly building loan payments (\$550). Infrastructure emergencies, such as a roof leak, must be addressed.

Teijo and Chimyo receive modest stipends for personal needs, such as food, health-care, fuel and maintenance for cars, robes, and pets. Chimyo's stipend needs to be increased so that she can qualify for ACA health insurance. A modest stipend is paid to the office manager who handles bookkeeping, correspondence, and temple administrative and physical maintenance matters. Great Tree needs additional administrative assistance with maintaining its website and developing social media presence. With the continuing influx into our area of both younger and older folks, Great Tree might provide some the community they are seeking, which requires greater visibility.

We are fortunate to have a beautiful facility in which to practice, along with teachers who have committed their lives to the Dharma and offer support for our own practice.

Great Tree depends on your financial support to continue to make the Dharma available to all who wish to follow this path. At present, contributions are insufficient to meet basic operating expenses. So please consider increasing your customary gift, even by a few dollars.

PLEDGE ONLINE at www.greattreetemple.org/giving/

PLEDGE BY MAIL using the enclosed donor envelope

PLEDGE NOW before you forget

Please indicate, using the enclosed card, if you wish to be a member of the Great Tree Sangha. Membership requires a commitment to support Great Tree with financial or in-kind contributions. Also let us know if you wish to be a voting member. Voting members are responsible for electing the Board of Directors and voting on other important issues. Voting occurs at membership meetings, but if you are unable to attend, you may vote by email, snail mail or by proxy. Options for family membership are listed on the enclosed card.

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Great Tree Zen Temple is a 501(c)(3) religious organization EIN 404-2029886 registered with the State of NC.

All charitable contributions are deductible as described by law. – 679 Lower Flat Creek Rd, Alexander, NC 28701 – www.greattreetemple.org



INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

Income	AVERAGE MONTHLY
Gifts/Dana	2,470
Pledges (recurring gifts)	1,297
Programs, net (sesshin, workshop, practice)	258
Fundraising events, net (craft sale, Poetry & Pie)	122
Monthly Total:	\$ 4,147
Expenses	
Abbess Stipend (taxes included)	1,080
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Office Manager/administrator stipend (taxes included)	496
Staff travel	110
Facility upkeep, utilities, supplies	435
Building repairs	297
Grounds maintenance	252
Administration, phones, technical services, postage	488
Building Loan	550
Insurance	177
Property Tax	43
Development & Fundraising	303
Monthly Total:	\$ 4,879
Monthly Average Deficit:	\$ (732)

