

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION FOR ZEN CENTER

I. PREAMBLE

This organization as an affiliate of Soto Zen School of Japan is established as a non-profit organization for the purpose of developing a pure form of Buddhism in America baswd on the original teachings of Dogen. This organization shall be known as" ZEN CENTER".

II. STRUCTURE

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- 1) This organization consists of an incorporate body of membership from which will be elected officers as required.
- 2) This organization will support an institution for the purpose of the practice and realization of the way of DOGEN.
- 3) This organization is affilliated with the SOTOZEN SCHOOL of JAPAN

III. MEMBERSHIP --- Will consist of two parts -- active and general

- 1) Membership will be determined by willingness to make a pledge for an amount At the option of the pledger.
- 2) General membership: Anyone who shows an interest in the program of the ZEN CENTER

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PROPOSED PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES OF THE ZEN CENTER

1) ZAZEN

- a) Each weekday excepting on dates of 4s and 9s 5:45 - 6:30 A.M.
- b) Each weekday excepting on dates of 4s and 9s
and wednesdays
~~and when lectures begin M-T-F~~ 5:30 - 6:30 P.M.
- c) Saturday morning 5:45 - 10:00 A.M.

2) RITUAL TRAINING

- a) Will be fitted into ~~program~~ ^{the schedule} as seen fit by Rev. Suzuki.

3) SESSHIN

- a) Two day (Sat., & Sun.) Every other month
- b) Seven day ~~(Mon. through Sun.)~~ ^{SAT THROUGH FEB} (rescheduled) One per year

4) LECTURES

- a) Wednesday evening by Rev. Suzuki 7:30 - 9:30 P.M.
- b) additional lectures as scheduled.
- ~~c) Friday evening by Dr. Kato or guest. 7:30 - 9:30 P.M.~~
- c) Monday evening by students. 7:30 - 9:30 P.M.
- ~~d) Monday evening by students. 7:30 - 9:30 P.M.~~

5) STUDENT ACTIVITIES.

- a) Written Mondo. A brief synopsis of individual problems or thought by each student at the first of each month. The intent behind this is to provide the teacher and the center with some insight into individual student problems and progress. The general information gathered can be forwarded to the Sotoshu Institute in Japan giving them direct insight into the problems of the West. This will provide a means where by the Center can readjust its program to fit the needs of the people.

*student participation in the above program is purely optional.