

Associate Membership of the Western Chan Fellowship CIO

Associate Membership of the Sangha of Western Chan Fellowship CIO

Associate Members of Western Chan Fellowship CIO (“WCF CIO”):

1. have undergone a formal Refuge ceremony with an authorised teacher and agree to follow the five Lay Precepts of Buddhism (not killing, not stealing, not lying, no sexual misconduct and not misusing intoxicants), according to their own sincere interpretation and to the best of their ability. Refuge may have been taken with a teacher of WCF CIO or in another Buddhist organisation, it doesn't matter which.
2. undertake to carry out a regular personal practice of Buddhism
3. support WCF CIO and their local Chan Group if there is one nearby

Anyone can become an Associate Member of WCF CIO providing these criteria are met. If you would like to join, please complete the application on page 2.

Western Chan Fellowship CIO is constituted as a Charity (No. 1166162) with the following objects:

1. *to advance the education of the public in general on the subject of the principles and practice of Buddhism; and*
2. *to advance the religion of Buddhism principally but not exclusively in the United Kingdom for the benefit of the public;*

in each case by providing training in the Linji and Caodong traditions of Chan Buddhism, as transmitted through Master Sheng Yen, and distributing materials about Buddhism in written and other media to inform others about Buddhism, and, as a supplement to such advancement, to explore the relationship between Chan practice, Chan theory and other meditative practices and understanding.

Benefits and Contribution

The associate membership fee is £30 p.a. A reduced rate of £10 p.a. is available if financial circumstances dictate. This money is used to publish New Chan Forum, the Journal of WCF CIO, together with a small contribution to other costs incurred in running the WCF CIO.

Associate Members will receive the New Chan Forum which is issued approximately twice per year and are allowed to attend the Annual General Meeting and Annual Teacher's address. Unlike full members, Associate Members do not have voting rights.

Becoming an Associate Member is an affirmation of being part of the Sangha of Western Chan Fellowship CIO and of the Sangha of a local group if there is one nearby.

Associate Members may wear a black robe during retreat services and formal occasions if they wish.

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Application Form

I wish to apply to be an Associate Member of WCF CIO.

I support the objects of WCF CIO.

I confirm that I fulfil all the requirements for associate membership of WCF CIO.

When did you take refuge? / / Was this with WCF? Yes No

Surname
Forename(s)

Contact details

Phone Fax Email
Address

Postcode

Please give an outline of your experience of Buddhism/Meditation

Do you attend a local Chan group? Yes No

If so, which one?

The associate membership fee is currently £30 per annum (£10 if financial circumstances dictate)

I enclose a cheque for associate membership fee pro-rata for the part-year remaining to 31st December (subscriptions are renewable 1st January each year) e.g. half-fee if paying in June £

Optional Additional Payment (Donation to WCF CIO) £

Total enclosed £

Signed Dated / /

Unless you give consent below we will use your contact details only for the purpose of administering your membership and event bookings by post or email. You may opt in to receive additional communications from WCF, and it is important that you do so if you wish to receive notification of our retreat programme and other events.

Please tick those media you wish to opt into:-

- non-promotional phone calls such as regarding your bookings and subscriptions e.g. retreat cancellation
- postal messages about our events and other activities e.g. our retreat programme brochure
- emails about our events and other activities e.g. our retreat programme
- phone calls about our events and other activities

Send your completed application with payment (payable to "Western Chan Fellowship CIO") to:

WCF Admin, Office 7511, PO Box 6945, London, W1A 6US

We would be grateful if you would also fill out the standing order overleaf and send it to your bank to cover subscriptions in future years.

If you are a UK Taxpayer, please also complete a Gift Aid form and send it to our Treasurer.

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Standing Order Authority

Please fill and sign this Form and then send it or hand it in to your bank for implementation. Thank you.

To (*your bank*):

Please pay:

Bank

Branch

Branch Sort Code

Account Name

Account Number

BIC number

IBAN Number

The Sum of *

Commencing on

And every year thereafter on the first of January until termination by me

Quoting reference

From my account with you details of which are:-

Bank name

Branch name

Sort code

Account name

Account Number

Signed

Date

* Associate membership - £30.00 pa (If financial circumstances dictate - £10.00 pa).
If you wish to add a donation in addition, please fill in amount accordingly