

Wonkwangsa Temple

Your Sponsorship and Our Gratitude

Spiritual Introduction

Zen is universal. It works through the minds of human beings. It helps all of us attain our true nature. Wherever it takes root, local culture and society at every level begin to work better and be inclusive towards people from every culture, race, language or cultural background.

When our mind is clear, our situation, the relationships and the way we function become clear as well. We make less mistakes and create less suffering, the result is more happiness and harmony. A Zen temple is a place to clear our mind, become a better human being by attaining the Way the world works; true Dharma, the Law of all beings.

In fortunate times on this earth, constant spiritual activity has enlightened life and made it possible for people to make the best of themselves. In that way, a lot of diseases and physical or mental sickness were prevented.

True Zen temples accept all human beings who want to practice meditation and are capable of living in harmony with the resident community. The Original Light Zen Temple is one of such places. It is located in a mountainous area, chosen by traditional geomantic principles. Thus we could find the optimum environment for meditation, where nature and man support each other and give the best they have so that we all wake up and help all beings.

Resident monks, nuns and lay people all practice clear mind, wisdom and compassion – immaterial values that translate immediately into beneficial qualities of the mind. For this very reason, they customarily receive material support from those who live outside of the Temple. Teaching and transmitting these beneficial qualities can take many forms such as regular visits for meditation practice, special ceremonies and memorable events.

For all these reasons, we sincerely ask for your support to build and run such a place, and hold all these beneficial activities as above.

A Brief History

The Original Light Zen Temple is a member of the Korean Buddhist Jogye Order. Within that, it is a member of Sudeoksa Main Temple, which is the regional headquarters for all those temples where the late Zen Master Seung Sahn lived and practiced.

The Temple Abbot, Chong An Sunim, belongs to the monks' family of Sudeoksa Temple, and has obtained teaching authority from Zen Master Seung Sahn and the Sudeoksa Bangjang Seol Jong Kunsunim.

The temple was founded 14 years ago, in September, 2004. The traditional Zen meditation hall was opened in 2010, and has been fully functional for the past 8 years.

We have various kinds of monthly retreats, two 10 day-retreats and 90 days retreat every year. In addition, there are 3 weekend courses for beginners every summer.

At the moment, demand is more than we can accommodate; more and more people attend our Dharma events. During the 3-month winter retreats, there are more than 100 people participating at various time intervals.

In order to be more hospitable, we need to build a larger meditation space and more residential buildings, so that we can provide the spiritual service that we are committed to.

All our activities are donation based; they are neither free, nor have a fixed price. As the number of members are growing, the understanding that besides practicing there is nothing more important than being generous becomes clear.

When you look at the donation possibilities, please consider yourself already a supporter of Zen meditation, which helps the world become a better place by offering a way of insight and meaningful change through wisdom and compassion.

A Great Chance to Help

People who acknowledge and contribute to our work want to help establish an enlightened society in this world. Apart from the satisfaction of being part of a large community from various backgrounds, close and selfless cooperation allows us to achieve noble purposes that we could not achieve, if we were to stay apart.

Everyone who contributes to the Temple helps enlightenment take root in the hearts of all beings.

Your donation will be passed to the Original Light Zen Temple in full.

Your merit will be earned and return to you in the form of indispensable help when you most need it.

**MERIT IS EARNED BY HELPING ENLIGHTENMENT TAKE ROOT
IN THE HEARTS OF HUMAN BEINGS**

By donating 50 EUR, you sponsor a roof tile. Your name will appear on the inside of that roof tile.

By donating 100 EUR, you sponsor a window. Your name will appear on the virtual temple online.

By donating 200 EUR, you sponsor a door. Your name and two more of your family members will appear on the virtual temple online.

By donating 1,000 EUR, you sponsor kitchen equipment. Your name and two more of your family members will appear on the virtual temple online, and you will be getting a complimentary copy of the Wonkwangsa Cookbook.

By donating 2,000 EUR, you sponsor 50 sq m of temple land. Your name will appear on the Marble of Merit in your own language, and five of your family members will appear on the virtual temple online. 108 spaces available.

By donating 5,000 EUR, you sponsor and thus obtain a seat in the teahouse. Your name will appear on the Marble of Merit in your own language, and five of your family members will appear on the virtual temple online. You will receive an exquisite package of Korean tea for three consecutive years. 64 spaces available.

By donating 10,000 EUR, you sponsor and thus obtain a residential room. You will always have priority reservation to stay in that room at any time when you want to stay at the temple. Your name will also appear in the virtual temple online, as well as on the Marble of Merit carved in your own language. 48 spaces available.

By donating 20,000 EUR, you sponsor and thus obtain a permanent place in the Zen Hall. You and your family will always have priority reservation to stay and practice at the temple. Your name will appear in the virtual temple structure online, as well as on the Marble of Merit carved in your own language. 24 spaces available.

By donating 50,000 EUR, you sponsor the new kitchen building or the adjacent dining hall. Your name and 7 more of your family members will appear in the virtual temple online, as well as on the Marble of Merit carved in your own language. In addition, each one of you will be getting a complimentary copy of the Wonkwangsa Cookbook. 7 spaces available.

By donating 100,000 EUR, you sponsor one residential building. You will have your name on the entire building as long as the temple stands — many centuries. Your whole family's names will appear in the virtual temple structure online as well as on the Marble of Merit carved in your own language. The whole family has priority to stay and practice at the temple. 5 spaces available.

By donating 200,000 EUR, you sponsor the entire Zen Hall. Your name will be in the company of Zen Masters of old as long as the temple stands — many centuries. Your whole family's name will appear in the virtual temple structure online as well as on the Marble of Merit carved in your own language. The whole family has priority to stay and practice at the temple. 2 spaces available.

By donating 1,000,000 EUR, you sponsor the entire Buddha Hall. Your whole family will be represented both online in the virtual temple and the Buddha Hall with your names. All names will appear on the Marble of Merit carved in your own language as long as the temple stands — many centuries. 1 space available.

By donating 3,000,000 EUR, you sponsor the complete construction of the temple. Your whole family's name will appear in the virtual temple structure online, on the Marble of Merit carved in your own language, as well as in the Great Buddha Hall. You all have permanent access to living rooms and practice space, as long as the temple stands — many centuries. 1 space available.

Money is a form of energy that can be utilized for any purpose. The karma of donating for such a noble cause is clear. The decision where to use it defines the direction of material energy. The creation of correct karma helps us and our environment live a life free from suffering, and proceed on the Path to Enlightenment.

Up to 2,000 EUR, please donate through the **PayPal** account of Original Light Zen Temple,
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Above 2,000 EUR, please transfer your donation to the temple bank account:

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*We sincerely appreciate your help.
May all the Buddhas and Bodhisattvas blessings be upon you and your beloved.*