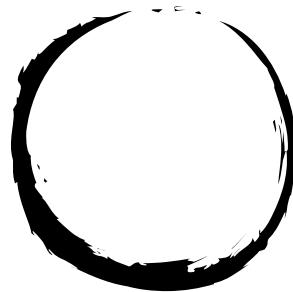


VILLAGE **ZENDO**



Bequests

## EVENING GATHA

Let me respectfully remind you,  
Life and death are of supreme importance.  
Time swiftly passes by and opportunity is lost.  
Each of us should strive to awaken.  
Awaken! Take heed!  
Do not squander your life...

In the spirit of the Evening Gatha – recognizing our impermanence and the need to take action now – one way to support the Village Zendo is by making a bequest of funds or property through a provision in your will.

A bequest is simply a statement in an individual's will that stipulates a gift to the Village Zendo. The bequest may be for the general purposes of the Village Zendo or may designate a specific purpose. If a purpose is indicated, the bequest should be sufficient to achieve the intended purpose.

Bequests offer a number of important advantages:

- ☐ A bequest to the Village Zendo allows donors to recycle the material wealth accumulated in their life for the benefit of a larger spiritual community.
- ☐ A bequest allows donors to keep their assets throughout their lifetime.
- ☐ A bequest to an IRS-recognized not-for-profit organization reduces estate taxes and probate costs, and saves professional management fees on the estate.
- ☐ There is no minimum amount for a bequest.
- ☐ A bequest allows donors to make larger gifts than might have been possible during their lifetime.

The Village Zendo cannot provide legal advice or legal language for your will. We recommend you consult an attorney or explore writing your own will using the forms that are available on the Internet.

If you include the Village Zendo in your estate plans, the Zendo would appreciate being informed.

Your act of generosity in the form of a bequest will ripple out and leave a lasting benefit for others, helping to assure that Zen practice and teaching are sustained in the future.

The Village Zendo is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization, Federal tax identification number 13-3922787. Your donation is deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.



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