

# WHAT IS THE NATURAL MIND DHARMA CENTER?

## Our Center

The Natural Mind Dharma Center is dedicated to sharing Buddha's wisdom according to the Vajrayana tradition.

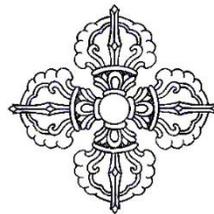
The Natural Mind Dharma Center was founded in 1996 by Michael Scott Stevens (Pema Kunsang). The Center maintains a full weekly schedule of dharma practices and talks, along with introductory classes, book groups, special workshops, and teachings from visiting lamas.

## About Vajrayana Buddhism

Vajrayana is a form of Buddhism that had its highest development in Tibet. Rich in imagery and archetype, Vajrayana employs visualization and mantra (the chanting of prayers in Tibetan or Sanskrit) to cultivate an atmosphere of inner quiet. If we approach these outward forms of the practice with playful curiosity, we open ourselves to their true meaning.

## Our Lineage

A lifetime spiritual practitioner, Michael Stevens arrived to his home in Vajrayana Buddhism following a degree in Comparative Religions, graduate work in theology and clinical psychology, and twenty years studying and teaching yoga. Michael opened the first yoga center in Bend in the early 1980s. In the early 90s, Michael discovered his Buddhist spiritual home through study with Khenchen Palden Sherab, Khenpo Tsewang Dongyal, Lama Rinchen Phuntsok, and other masters in the Dudjom Terser Lineage.



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## Automatic Contribution Program



*Join Our  
Sustaining Mandala  
with a Monthly Pledge*

## **Join Our Sustaining Mandala**

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Mandala is a Sanskrit word meaning "circle," or, at a deeper level, the visualization of the entire universe as a pure land with all the inhabitants as pure beings.

Our Sustaining Mandala is our group of members who are a part of our Automatic Contribution Program. Your monthly contribution sustains our Center throughout the year. We invite you to join!

## **Why an Automatic Contribution Program?**

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Most of us are very busy these days with work, family, friends, and enjoying the beautiful outdoors that we are blessed with here in Central Oregon. We end up missing sangha every now and then, or we forget to sit down and write our monthly pledge check, or it is just hard to find the time to write an extra check each month.

We all know that the bills at the Natural Mind Dharma Center don't stop just because we don't attend, and by joining the Automatic Contribution Program we support the Center in a consistent manner.

## **What is a Monthly Pledge?**

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A monthly pledge is an amount you pledge monthly to go towards the Dharma Center's expenses. Our goal is to reach \$2800 a month in pledges in order to cover our monthly rent and payroll expenses. By having your pledge

automatically deducted from your bank account, you don't have to remember to write a check each month, and the Dharma Center can be assured that your money will be available on time to pay rent and other monthly bills.

## **When will my pledge be deducted from my account?**

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Pledges will be withdrawn on the 1st of every month or the next business day.

## **Where does my money go?**

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Our monthly budget includes rent, Michael's stipend, office expense, bookstore, moving fund and miscellaneous operational costs.

## **Year-end Statement**

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Remember all donations are tax deductible, and when you donate with the Automatic Contribution Program, you will receive a year-end statement of your contributions. All amounts are confidential.

## **How can I stop the deductions?**

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Deductions from your bank account are ongoing. They can be stopped, changed, or put on hold by sending a written notice or email to the Natural Mind Dharma Center or by phoning Bryn Gabriel at (541) 408-2868.



## **Authorization Agreement**

I (we) hereby authorize the Natural Mind Dharma Center to deduct the following amount from my checking account each month. Enclosed is a voided check.

Yes, I (we) would like to have my contribution automatically withdrawn from my checking account in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_per month.

## **Signature(s) & Date**

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## **Print Name(s)**

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## **Address**

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## **Phone**

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## **Email**

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
LOVE AND SUPPORT!**

*As we move through each day, may we remember to generate bodhicitta and dedicate our efforts to be of benefit to all sentient beings.*