

DHARMA COUNCIL MEETING

October 13, 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the Dharma Council is to assist and advise the Abbot and Godo in determining matters of liturgy and teaching. The Dharma Council provides oversight and stewardship of Dharma presentation and practice at DRZC to support its core mission and values.

Proposed Agenda

1. Tiny Meditation
2. 60-Second Check-in
3. [Approved Minutes](#) from prior meeting
4. Next Meeting Dates: (Sangha Forum 10/16), November 10, 2022, December 15, 2022
5. Updates on action Items from previous meeting(s)
6. Questions for Today's Meeting:
 - a. Discussion topic (Jlko): Changing the formal/liturgical language we use at DRZC - How to integrate evolving perspectives while also honoring the significance of traditional language? Example: replacing "guestmaster" with "greeter" loses broader aspects of that traditional temple role
 - b. Discussion Topic (Sokuchu): Might it be beneficial to choose a study theme, topic, or liturgical text for an Ango period?
 - i. Initial vision: The theme would show up in dharma talks, or could be touched on in term student program, or short written reflections in the e-bulletin, or study groups form around it, etc. Impact: it could bring a sense of community to our rather large sangha. We'd have a common touchstone, even though we are at different stages on our paths and even though we have different vows and interests.
 - b. Discussion Topic (Jiko): Wednesday Spring classes
 - i. Brief context, situation, or issue: After Jukai, we have an initial 5-7 weeks open for another topic. Sutra study classes will be in the second portion of the spring series. Any ideas?
7. Recurring Monitoring Reports and Announcements
8. Action Item Assignments and Deadlines