



Dharma Rain
Zen Center

Mission and Vision



Dharma Rain's mission is to transmit the teachings and practice of Soto Zen Buddhism, by cultivating compassion, love and wisdom.

We are a Soto Zen sangha sharing the practices of zazen meditation, mindfulness, reflection and ethical living. We seek to relieve suffering by the skillful use of Buddhist teachings and the generous acceptance of all beings. We honor the ancestors and traditions of the past while we adapt to the needs of current practitioners and future generations. Our shared intention is to cultivate authenticity and integrity in our own lives and the larger community in which we live. Our hope is to engage in wise and compassionate activity for the benefit of all beings.



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Sharing the Dharma



- 12 people took the Precepts at Dharma Rain in February.
- Jiko gave Denkai transmission, which gives teaching authority, to Mark Sosetsu Stauffer.
- Four visiting teachers gave talks and workshops, increasing the diversity of voices.
- Successfully hosted Emerging Sangha Leadership Training for 13 people from 8 different states and provinces.
- 2022 included a monastic ordination and the entering of a new postulant – maintaining the monastic container which exists symbiotically with Dharma Rain’s strong lay focus.



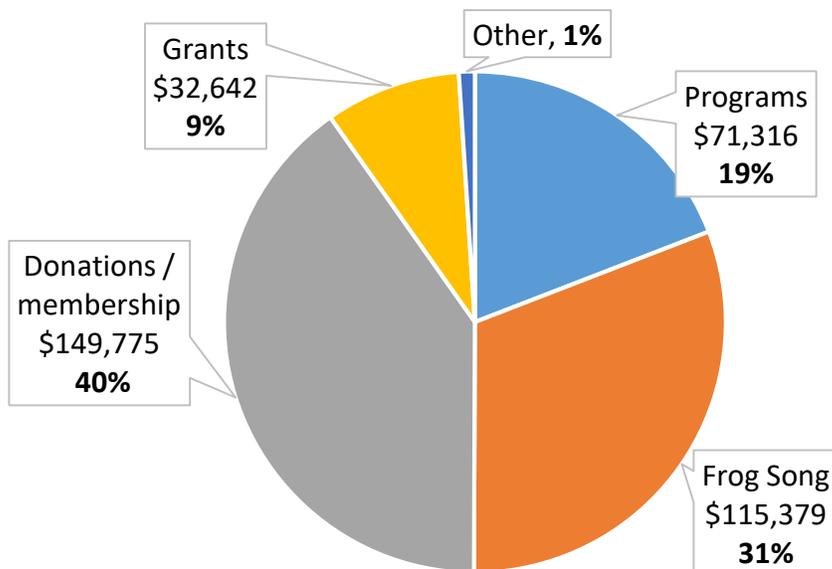


Organizational Accomplishments

- The Board has prioritized fiscal stability and integrity through increased debt payments, including two balloon payments to Siskiyou Cohousing members, totaling 40% of the amount owed. Semble debt payments have increased by \$1,000 / month.
- Hojo (Abbot's Quarters) completed!
- Significant volunteer activity in the garden contributed to sangha connections and a productive harvest.
- A light remodel of the residential dorms / retreat housing is underway.



Operating Income through Oct. 2022



- Back to normal: event attendance has returned to pre-pandemic numbers, special procedures and restrictions have been lifted.
- Attendance 2022:
 - ✓ 1800 unique visitors to site
 - ✓ ~ 410 unique attendees at events
 - ✓ ~ 240 unique people volunteered
 - ✓ ~ 100 unique people came for spiritual counseling or sanzen



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Dharma Garden Programs



Frog Song Montessori Preschool

- Frog Song continues to be a very successful program, thanks to our skilled and enthusiastic staff. We have a full class of 15 children, with a lengthy wait list.

Dharma School

- After a Covid hiatus, we offered a cautious start for the 2022 Spring Term: we met together for "Dharma School in the Barn", with all the doors open for lots of ventilation. Our theme was, appropriately, "Coming Together," and we appreciated being able to do that.
- This fall we offered a full program, from preschool to high school, along with a Parents' Group. Our theme is the Three Refuges.
- **Dharma Camp** also started up again this summer with the usual camp activities and favorites like Hunt-a-Monk and Enlightenment Games. It was great to come together in person again for overnight camp.

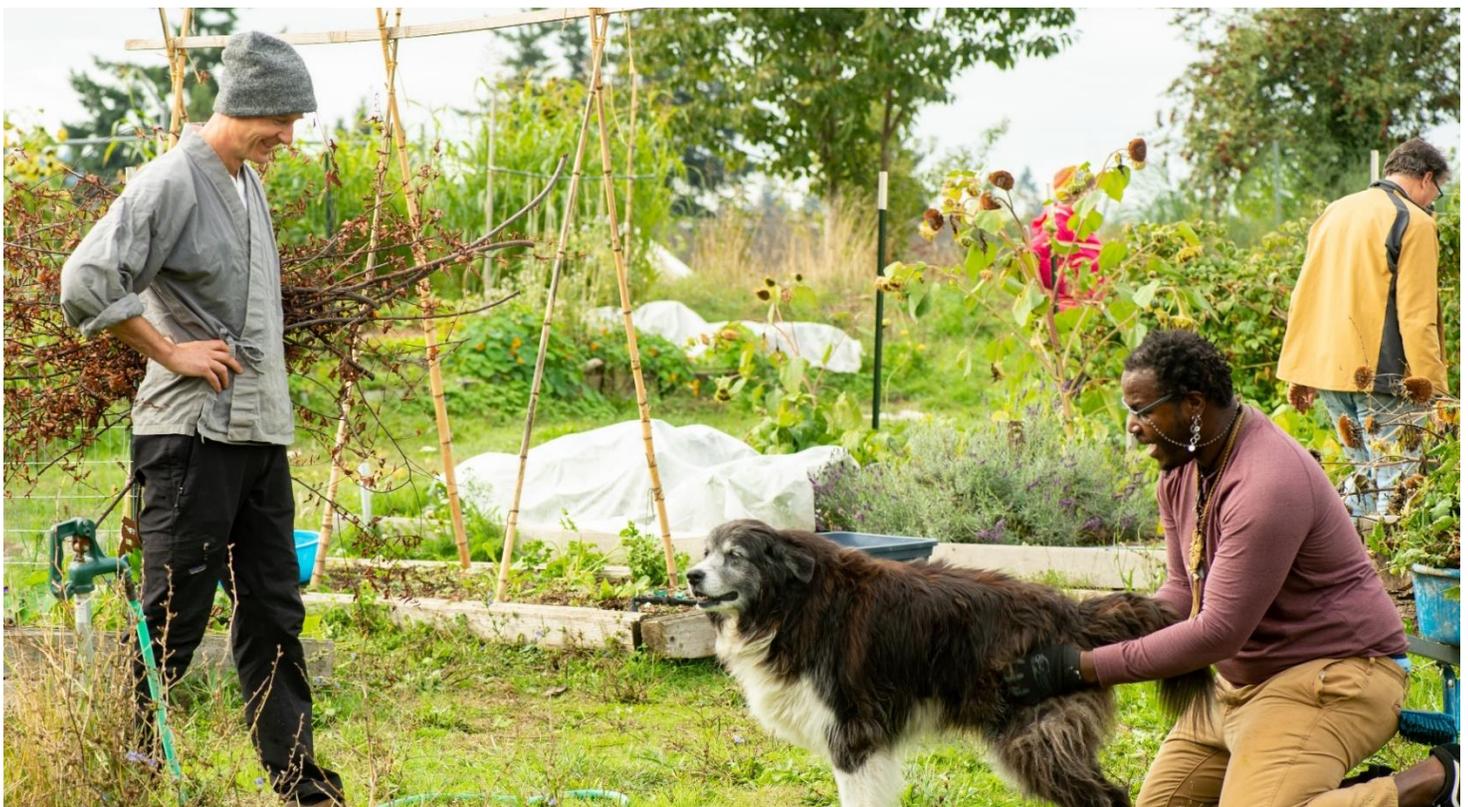


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Community Engagement

Dharma Rain's site connects us to a variety of projects and organizations, offering the opportunity to contribute to the community and the planet from our position in the matrix.

- Partnerships with educational and non-profit organizations focused on providing youth with ecology-focused, hands-on learning. A few of these organizations include McDaniel High School, Portland Community College, Multnomah Education Service District, SoilMates and NW Youth Corps.
- A committee is investigating the possibility of allocating a parcel of Dharma Rain's site for a tiny-house village for the houseless, potentially to be followed with an affordable housing development. The committee is trying to ensure that populations served are a good fit with our mission, programs and use of the site.
- Members of the Board attend meetings of the 82nd Avenue Improvement Coalition, which seeks to make the communities east of 82nd Avenue more walkable and livable with better access to affordable housing.
- Dharma Rain was approved for a grant to install solar panels on the roof of the trash enclosure.





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How to Give



Our work to share this beautiful and transformative practice of Zen continues. Our staff, programs and campus provide an incredible resource for this work, and this leverage needs support. Any contribution you make will help us continue our efforts. Please scan this QR Code, or visit the website at <https://dharma-rain.org/give/donate/>, or mail a check to:

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