



Dharma Drum Mountain Los Angeles Center 2018 Second Transmission of Bodhisattva Precepts

Registration Information Sheet

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- **Principles:**

To guide society in the right direction with the purifying energy of precepts; to accept all sentient beings equally with compassion; to accomplish Bodhi mind by helping sentient beings; to encourage sentient beings to aspire to their Bodhi mind.

- **Dates:** Friday, 5/25/2018 ~ Monday, 5/28/2018

- **Venue:** Dharma Drum Mountain Los Angeles Center (“LA Center”)

- **Organizer:** Dharma Drum Mountain Los Angeles Center /DDMBA LA Foundation

- **Suitable Applicants:**

Dharma Drum Mountain Buddhist Association members, devotees and Buddhists (must be 12 years of age or older)

- **Registration Period:** 11/15/2017 ~ 3/31/2018 or until all spots are filled. Space is limited, apply early.

- **Registration Process:**

1. Please complete Steps A and B in order as described below:

Step A: Visit the DDMBA LA Center website and complete the Online “Bodhisattva Precepts Application Form” first.

After submitting the Application Form, download the “Bodhisattva Precepts Registration Information sheet” and “Bodhisattva Precepts Registration Form”. Complete the Registration Form and continue to Step B. Applicants not familiar with computers can seek assistance in person at the LA Center.

Step B: Please submit the following items in person to the LA Center or other designated DDM Centers (see Appendix I).

(1) Registration confirmation number from Step A.

(2) Bodhisattva Precepts Registration Form, including two color photos (3.5 cm x 4.5 cm) with your name written with pencil on the back. Photos must show the applicant wearing the ceremonial black robe without a hat (see Appendix II). Forms missing required information will not be processed.

(3) A \$180 check payable to “DDMBA LA Foundation” covers the registration fee, meals, ceremonial sash, certificate, and tablets. If dormitory accommodation is needed, please include an additional \$120 check. If the ceremonial black robe is needed, please include an additional \$50 check. Payments by cash or check only. No credit card payments will be accepted.

(4) Release and Waiver of Liability Form.

2. Applicants who reside more than 50 miles away from the LA Center or other designated DDM Centers may submit the above items by mail (completion of Online Application Form from Step A still required) to the following address:

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4530 N. Peck Rd

El Monte, CA 91732

Please scan and email all items to the LA Center before mailing. Items not received by postal mail within 14 days of sending the email will result in forfeiture of application.

3. Application by email, fax, or phone will not be accepted. Applicants who do not complete Step B within 1 month of completing Step A will forfeit their application and will have to restart the process if the deadline has not yet passed.

4. Submission of completed application does not equal acceptance. Accepted applicants will be notified by email no later than 14 days after the registration deadline of 3/31/2018. Accepted applicants will also receive a notice of acceptance which they must bring to Check-In.

5. Denied applicants will be notified by email no later than 14 days after the registration deadline of 3/31/2018. A full refund of the registration fees can then be requested no later than 4/30/2018.

6. Accepted applicants who are unable to attend should notify the LA Center as soon as possible to make room for those on the waiting list. Please note that the registration fee is non-refundable and application documents will not be returned.

- **Check-In:**

Friday, 5/25/2018, 1:00 pm ~ 2:45 pm at the LA Center Reception Desk. Please be punctual.

Attendees with dormitory accommodations will be guided to their rooms after Check-In.

- **Transportation and Accommodations:**

Attendees will need to arrange their own transportation to and from the Center. Attendees will also need to arrange their own accommodations if the LA Center dormitory has no more vacancies.

- **Check-Out:** Monday, 5/28/2018, 3:30 pm

- **LA Center Reception opening hours:** Weekdays: 10 am ~ 4 pm; Weekends: 9 am ~ 5 pm

- **LA Center information:**

Add.: Dharma Drum Mountain Los Angeles Center
4530 N Peck Rd.
El Monte, CA 91732

Phone: (626) 350-4388 **Website:** www.ddmbala.org **Email:** ddmbala@gmail.com

The destruction of social values is caused by defilement of the mind; the destruction of the natural environment is due to greed and ignorance. The cause of all types of destruction comes from skewed thinking and viewpoints. The Bodhisattva Path is a transforming power that enables people to explore their inner self and bring up their compassion and Bodhi-mind; it is the fundamental key to solving our problems.

The Bodhisattva Precepts transmitted by Dharma Drum Mountain are built on the foundations of Buddha's teachings. The principle of the precepts is to stop all evil deeds, cultivate all virtues, and benefit all sentient beings. Nowadays we encourage people to make vows to follow the precepts, which will be the seed to cultivate the Bodhisattva Path.

Many people might worry about breaking the precepts after vowing to uphold them. In fact, all retributions are the results of one's own doings, and not receiving the precepts does not mean one would be excused from consequences. People who have received the precepts may repent and begin anew if they break the precepts. However, those who do not have precepts to remind them are constantly having unwholesome thoughts and doing unwholesome deeds without even being aware of them. Therefore it is said, "It is better to have precepts to break than not having precepts at all".

Upholding the Bodhisattva Precepts has the benefit of putting one's mind at ease and purifying our society. Furthermore, it is the stepping stone to becoming Buddha in the future. Now that this opportunity is presented to you, seize the chance! We will happily greet you on the Bodhisattva Path.

Appendix I: The following DDM Centers can also process your application.

Dharma Drum Mountain San Francisco Bay Area Center
255 H St, Fremont, CA 94536
Phone: (510) 246-8264
Website: www.ddmsf.org
Email: info@ddmsf.org

Dharma Drum Vancouver Center
8240 No.5 Road, Richmond, BC, Canada, V6Y 2V4
Phone: (604) 277-1357
Website: www.ddmba.ca
Email: info@ddmba.ca

Appendix II: Information regarding application photos

1. Two color photos (3.5 cm width by 4.5 cm height) must show the applicant wearing the ceremonial black robe.
2. The photo must present the front view with a white background. Please wear black clothing underneath the ceremonial black robe. Clothing underneath the robe must not be visible.
3. Applicant's hair must not block the eyes. The full face must be visible and not turned to one side or off-center.
4. Applicant's full head must be within the border of the photo.
5. The background of the photo must be white. Lighting must be appropriate so that no shadows or reflections appear on the face. Red eyes due to flash will not be accepted.
6. If the applicant wears glasses, the eyes must be fully visible with no reflections on the lens. Glasses with colored or darkened lens are not acceptable except for legally blind applicants.
7. Please have your photos professionally taken and printed. Self-produced photos will not be accepted.
8. Please write your name with a pencil on the back of the photos.
9. Please affix the photos to the application using glue stick rather than permanent adhesive.
10. Applications without photos will not be processed.