

## Criteria to be a Member of Western Chan Fellowship CIO

### Objects

Western Chan Fellowship CIO ("WCF CIO") is constituted as a Charity (no. 1166162) with the following **Objects**:

1. *to advance the education of the public in general on the subject of the principles and practice of Buddhism; and*
2. *to advance the religion of Buddhism principally but not exclusively in the United Kingdom for the benefit of the public;*

*in each case by providing training in the Linji and Caodong traditions of Chan Buddhism, as transmitted through Master Sheng Yen, and distributing materials about Buddhism in written and other media to inform others about Buddhism, and, as a supplement to such advancement, to explore the relationship between Chan practice, Chan theory and other meditative practices and understanding.*

### Membership

In the Constitution of WCF CIO, membership is defined as follows:-

"A full voting member shall:

1. have completed a minimum of three retreats, such retreats to have been undertaken within the programme offered by [WCF CIO], one of which shall have been a Western Zen Retreat and one a seven-day Chan Retreat, or such other retreats outside the said programme as the Executive Committee deem to be broadly equivalent; and
2. take Refuge in the Three Jewels and agree to follow to the best of his/her ability the Precepts of Buddhism; and
3. undertake to carry out a regular personal practice of Buddhism; and
4. undertake to attend at least one retreat provided by [WCF CIO] in every three years except in the case of inability owing to age, injury, or illness."

If you do not fulfil the requirements then you may not join as a Member, but you are still welcome to attend all events/retreats etc on the same terms as Members and you may wish to consider joining as an Associate Member. If you nearly fulfil the requirements e.g. your retreat experience does not match that specified but you have additional retreat experience elsewhere, then you may submit an application for consideration by the Charity's Trustees.

# Full Membership of Western Chan Fellowship CIO

## Application Form

I wish to apply to be a Full Member of WCF CIO.

I support the objects of WCF CIO.

I confirm that I fulfil all the requirements for membership of WCF CIO, or

I request consideration of my circumstances, which fall short of the requirements for full membership – please give details on separate sheet.

Please give details of retreats attended:-

1.
2.
3.

When did you take refuge?  /  /  Was this with WCF? Yes  No

Surname	<input type="text"/>		
Forename(s)	<input type="text"/>		
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>	Gender	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>

Contact details

Phone	<input type="text"/>	Fax	<input type="text"/>	Email	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>				
	<input type="text"/>				
	Postcode	<input type="text"/>			

Do you attend a local Chan group? Yes  No

If so, which one?

**The Membership fee is currently £40 pa (£15 if financial circumstances dictate) payable 1<sup>st</sup> January each year**

I enclose a cheque for membership fee pro-rata for the part-year remaining to 31<sup>st</sup> December e.g. half-fee if paying in June

Optional Additional Payment (Donation to WCF CIO)

Total enclosed

Signed  Dated  /  /

Unless you give consent below we will use your contact details only for the purpose of administering your membership and event bookings by post or email. You may opt in to receive additional communications from WCF, and it is important that you do so if you wish to receive notification of our retreat programme and other events.

Please tick those media you wish to opt into:-

- non-promotional phone calls such as regarding your bookings and subscriptions e.g. retreat cancellation
- postal messages about our events and other activities e.g. our retreat programme brochure
- emails about our events and other activities e.g. our retreat programme
- phone calls about our events and other activities

**Send your completed application with payment (payable to “Western Chan Fellowship CIO”) to:**

**WCF Admin, Office 7511, PO Box 6945, London, W1A 6US**

***We would be grateful if you would also fill out the standing order overleaf and send it to your bank to cover subscriptions in future years.***

***If you are a UK Taxpayer, please also complete a Gift Aid form and send it to our Treasurer.***

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## Standing Order Authority

**Please fill and sign this Form and then send it or hand it in to your bank for implementation.  
Thank you.**

To (*your bank*):

Please pay:

Bank

Branch

Branch Sort Code

Account Name

Account Number

BIC number

IBAN Number

The Sum of \*

Commencing on

And every year thereafter on the first of January until termination by me

Quoting reference

From my account with you details of which are:-

Bank name

Branch name

Sort code

Account name

Account Number

Signed

Date

**\* Full membership - £40.00 pa (If financial circumstances dictate - £15.00 pa).  
If you wish to add a donation in addition, please fill in the amount accordingly**