



WANTED

Sangha at the Great Stupa

The Great Stupa of Universal Compassion is seeking two Sangha to become members of our team. They will be based at the Great Stupa in Bendigo, Victoria, Australia.

The roles for the Sangha include:

- Being tour guides of the Great Stupa
- Interacting with Buddhists and non-Buddhists who visit the Great Stupa
- Responding to questions about Buddhism, stupas, meditation and so on
- Providing guided meditation to groups
- Presenting an introductory talk on Buddhism to groups
- Tending the altars and shrines of the Great Stupa
- Reciting prayers / sutras at memorial events

The Sangha that we seek will find fulfilment in interacting with the general public in an introductory role as well as with Buddhists from various Buddhist backgrounds.

The qualities that the Sangha will need for this job are to be calm, compassionate and patient and supportive listeners. They will also be confident enough to be able to communicate with a wide variety of people in many different circumstances: from chatting one on one to someone in need, to addressing a Probus Club, or leading a meditation for school children, to giving a brief Dharma talk to a bus load of Cambodian Buddhists. They will also be happy to work as part of the team at the Great Stupa.

It is our intention to appoint two Sangha so that the role can be shared and we can offer Sangha representatives to visitors 7 days a week. Actual working hours can be negotiated between the two Sangha but it is envisaged that each Sangha would be required for around 25 – 30 hours per week.

The Sangha will be remunerated with a modest salary. It is also likely that a wage and accommodation package be negotiated. This accommodation may be in Lama Yeshe Village, a housing development near the Great Stupa. Or in the case of monks it may be possible that accommodation can be provided at Thubten Shedrup Ling Monastery. They would also be entitled to 4 weeks annual leave and would receive superannuation.

The Sangha representatives are required to maintain their monastic vows, avoid criticism of Lama Zopa Rinpoche and the FPMT organization, avoid criticism of other faiths and traditions, and refuse to personally accept cash offerings whilst working in the role. The Sangha will be very conscious of the impression that they make on others and the role they play as representatives of the Great Stupa.

It is hoped that these positions will be filled by the end of 2014. Due to residency requirements the applicants will most likely be Australian or New Zealand residents. While we can assist foreign nationals to obtain work visas it will be the responsibility of the applicant to file the application and fulfil the requirements of the visa.

Please apply with comprehensive CV to “Sangha Representative” at info@stupa.org.au

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