Amitabha Village Year 2006
3-Day Retreat

Objective: To promote the understanding and practice of Buddhism and meditation in a systematic way.
Date: 2 p.m. August 17, 2006 to 12 noon August 20, 2006
Teacher: Venerable Chi Chern
Location: Amitabha Village, Perry, Michigan

Program: Sitting meditation, prostration, walking meditation (circumambulation), massage, yoga, and dharma teachings conducted in Chinese with English translation.
Qualification: Open to beginners and experienced practitioners
Boarding: Two choices of accommodation:

1. Sleeping on carpeted floors of Buddha hall (males) or Perry House (females).
2. Camping (please bring your own tent).

Fees: $90 or $40 (students)
(including meals, site setup, Ven. Chi Chern's transportation expenses).
Paid when check in.
Registration: Please e-mail or send the application form to:

Lina Wu
1337 Ramblewood Dr.
East Lansing, MI 48823
E-mail: wulina@msu.edu

Registration Closing Date: August 4, 2006

Things You Need to Know:

1. Finishing the entire retreat is required.
2. Please bring your toiletries, personal medication, and sleeping bag.
3. No drug, alcohol and cigarette.
4. The Center will not be responsible for the lost of your valuables.
5. Please wear loose and comfortable clothing.
6. The Center offers vegetarian lunch, and light breakfast and dinner during retreat.

Contacts:
Chung-Wen Chen & Lina Wu (517) 351-7077
Peter & Lisa Kong (517) 332-0003
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彌陀村Amitabha Village, 14780 Beardslee Rd., Perry, Michigan 48872
Direction (map on Website): I-96 exit 117 (Williamston) to Williamston Rd (north) for appx. 6.5 miles, Williamston Rd ends and becomes Beardslee Rd, 3rd house on the left.
Tel: (517) 675-2056 Website: www.geocities.com/LansingBuddhist

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Brief Biography of Venerable Chi Chern

Born in Taiping (meaning serenity and peace in Chinese), Malaysia, in 1955, Venerable Chi Chern was ordained as a monk in 1978. He has been trained under many famous monks in Taiwan. In 1980, while taking a Chan retreat with Chan Master Sheng Yen, Venerable Chi Chern received verification of "seeing the true nature." He received transmission from Master Sheng Yen in 1986.

As a serious Buddhist practitioner, Venerable Chi Chern has once gone for a thousand-day solitary retreat. He also has been very active in the Malaysian Buddhist circle and has taken many important posts such as Chair of the Malaysian Young Buddhist Association, Dean of the Malaysian Buddhist Training School, etc. His articles can be seen in many publications.

Venerable Chi Chern likes to share with people his knowledge of Dharma, so for the past eight years, he has been travelling across the US to teach Buddhism and basic methods of meditation. With no specific goals in mind, Venerable Chi Chern employs various teaching styles to expand the Dharma in accordance with the need of the students.

3-Day Retreat Schedule

Thursday, 8/17/06

12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Check in and lunch
2:00 – 2:30 p.m. Introduction of Environment, Rules, and Program
2:30 – 5:30 p.m. Ven. Chi Chern teaches fundamental meditation
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner & shower time
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Ven. Chi Chern teaches fundamental meditation

Friday, 8/18/05 & Saturday, 8/19/06

5:00 – 5:30 a.m. Wake up and freshen up
5:30 – 6:00 a.m. Eight-form Moving Meditation
6:00 – 6:45 a.m. Morning service
7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast & shower time
8:00 – 11:30 a.m. Practice meditation, massage & yoga exercises
11:30 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch & shower time
2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Practice meditation, massage & yoga exercises
(Interview, i.e. Q&A, starting at 2:00 p.m.)
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner & shower time
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Practice meditation, massage, & yoga exercises

Sunday, 8/20/06

5:00 – 5:30 a.m. Wake up and freshen up
5:30 – 6:00 a.m. Eight-form Moving Meditation
6:00 – 6:45 a.m. Morning service
7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast & shower time
8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Practice meditation & exercises
10:10 – 11:30 a.m. Experiences sharing
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. – Home sweet home

Retreat Rules:

- Attending the full course of the retreat
- Being on time
- No leaving class w/o permission
- No talking during retreat

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Amitabha Village
3-Day Retreat Registration Form

Date: _____

Personal Data

1. Chinese Name (if available)：_____ English Name: _____
2. Sex： Male: ☐ Female: ☐
3. Age：_____ 4. Occupation：_____
5. Address：_____
Phone & e-mail：_____

Retreat Experience

6. Have you studied meditation before？ Yes ☐ No ☐
7. If yes, what is the method？

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Medical Information

8. Health Condition：_____

(For special health condition such as a heart problem, please state the nature of problem and current condition.)

9. Allergies to any kind of food？ _____

Boarding

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Fees

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Acceptance

Due to limited spaces or other considerations, your application may be denied. The Center will notify you as soon as your application has been approved. Thank you for your interest.

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