

STILLPOINT 2009 FALL SESSHIN WITH SHOHAKU OKUMURA - ROSHI



(“Zazen is good for nothing”)

Dear Friends in the Dharma:

September 17th 2009

Shohaku Okumura-Roshi will once again be with us to lead our annual Stillpoint sesshin on November 13th to November 15th, 2009 at Franciscan Spirit & Life Center in the South Hills of Pittsburgh.

Roshi is the Abbott and head teacher at Sanshin-ji, a Zen community which he founded in Bloomington Indiana six years ago. He is also one of the world’s foremost scholars of Dogen Zenji’s teachings as well as being a dedicated practitioner of those teachings. He travels widely throughout Asia, Europe and South America, as well as various retreat centers in the USA sharing the Dharma.

He has led numerous Stillpoint retreats and has provided inspirational spiritual guidance to our community for many years. A number of past and present Stillpoint members have received precepts from him in three Jukai ceremonies held at our retreats. Roshi will be accompanied by his jisha (attendant), Kando Dorsey, formerly a member of Stillpoint, now an ordained priest and temple officer at Sanshin-ji.

I am sending this first notice and application form as attachments via e-mail to subscribers on the Stillpoint Notes List. If you know of anyone who might be interested in attending but is not on our mailing list, please forward this e-mail to them. Please download the attached application form and send it to the listed address with your check as soon as you can. If you would like us to send you a hard copy of the application form, please let us know by replying to this e-mail. The retreat is limited to 20 attendees, so please send your application early.

Please let us know as soon as possible whether you will be attending. Don Dozan Orr (412-366-4268) is serving as co-coordinator for this retreat and will answer any questions you may have. Please note: **The deadline for reservations is October 19th, 2008.**
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Don Dozan Orr