

Ethical Conduct Agreement
Silent Thunder Order
Draft 2015-08-15

As Soto Zen Buddhist Disciples of the Mokurai Silent Thunder Order, we have committed ourselves to living an ethical life. We acknowledge the Sixteen Bodhisattva Precepts including the Three Refuges, Three Pure Precepts, and the Ten Grave Precepts as the basic principle of our approach to ethics. Since at times, further clarification is required, the [Silent Thunder Order Ethics Policy](#), which mirrors the [Soto Zen Buddhist Association Ethics Guidelines](#), has been developed regarding the Bodhisattva Precepts for those stepping into a formal practice path and/or service role within the Order beginning with discipleship. The guidelines are made available publicly and it is recommended that all formal and informal members be familiar with them.

I have read and familiarized myself with the Mokurai Silent Thunder Order [Ethics Guidelines and Policies](#), including the sections on Conflict Resolution, Informal and Formal Grievance Procedures, and Commitment to Sangha, (<http://storder.org/category/1-2015-ethics-updates>) . I understand that in taking the Sixteen Bodhisattva Precepts, I agree to abide by these ethical guidelines. I acknowledge that Disciples and Novice Priests function under the guidance and authority of their guiding teacher (a Transmitted Priest) until they receive Shiho Transmission. I agree to maintaining ongoing communication and have familiarized myself with the [SZBA Ethical Guidelines](http://szba.org/szba-ethics-statement/) (<http://szba.org/szba-ethics-statement/>) including section III regarding Teacher to Teacher Relationships, so that as a Disciple or Novice Priest, I understand the process, should I wish to formally leave the Order and practice under the guidance of a different teacher.

(Full Name including Dharma Name/s)

Date