

# FERTILE GROUND

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2017 Commitment to Give & Grow

# Frequently Asked Questions - cont'd

## **What is committed giving and why does Bodhi practice 10% giving?**

Committed giving invites us to put Spirit first in our lives. Prioritizing spiritual nourishment enables us to serve ourselves and the world from a place of sufficiency and balance.

Bodhi practices and teaches giving 10% of gross income to where we are spiritually fed. 10% is a number that stretches most people such that faith is activated and consciousness must be brought to our finances and spending. We commit to “Give & Grow” to the vision of Being the beLOVED Community.

*“To create the beLOVED community will take a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives.” - Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

## **Where does the money I give to Bodhi go?**

Our giving supports Bodhi's general operating expenses. As our community matures we envision expanding our work in areas of Outreach throughout Chicago and beyond.

## **What if I give my time and service to Bodhi rather than a financial contribution?**

Bodhi's ability to operate requires financial resources AND our gifts of time and service. The decision to make a financial commitment is a personal one but know that our gifts to Bodhi, regardless of size, make a difference in fulfilling the vision of reaching more people with our teachings.

## **How much of Bodhi's money goes to charitable causes or benevolence?**

We practice the “law of circulation” and give 10% of all Bodhi receives to where our community is spiritually fed. A portion of these funds go to Centers for Spiritual Living, [www.csl.org](http://www.csl.org). The remainder of our giving goes to causes which support Bodhi's mission and vision.

## **What if I only come to Bodhi occasionally, should I still make a 2017 Commitment to Give & Grow commitment?**

Any level of support given allows us to continue to serve the Bodhi community and to reach more people with our teachings.

**Questions? Stop by the Information Station on Sundays, call us at 773.248.LOVE (5683) or email us at [office@bodhispiritualcenter.org](mailto:office@bodhispiritualcenter.org).**

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **What is the 2017 Commitment to Give & Grow?**

The 2017 Commitment to Give & Grow is our opportunity as a community to indicate how much money we will commit for 2017. Bodhi's operational spending plan is based on what is committed and collected. By making a commitment, Bodhi has an indication of funding for 2017. Our commitment helps to fund the work of our spiritual community - transforming lives within, among and beyond Bodhi Spiritual Center through Sunday Celebration Services, Youth & Family Programming, Spiritual Education, Small Group Life and emerging Outreach.

## **What is the goal of this year's 2017 Commitment to Give & Grow?**

\$858,175 and 300 Givers

## **How do I know what to commit?**

We encourage stretching one's comfort zone while trusting there is no big or small in Spirit. Some will choose a specific dollar amount while others choose a percentage of household gross income. We are a community of significant socio-economic diversity and depend on the support of our entire community at a level that is appropriate for each person and family. If we each stretch we know our 2017 Commitment to Give & Grow will be fulfilled.

## **How do I make a commitment to the 2017 Commitment to Give & Grow?**

Complete a 2017 Commitment to Give & Grow Card and turn it in on Sunday in the offering basket, visit The Prosperity Team at the Information Station, fill out the form online or mail a completed 2017 Commitment to Give & Grow Card to: Bodhi Spiritual Center 1356 W. Augusta, Chicago, IL 60642.

## **Is there a deadline to turn in my 2017 Commitment to Give & Grow commitment?**

You may submit your 2017 Commitment at anytime. That being said, we ask that you set the intention of submitting it in October to support our programming and budgeting process.

## **How does money I give to Bodhi differ from money I give to charity?**

Giving as a spiritual practice is the conscious practice of giving to our spiritual nourishment. It is a way to practice the "Law of Circulation" in our lives and specifically to support our spiritual home so that our work and teachings may be available to others. All financial contributions are tax deductible.



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## 2017 Commitment to Give & Grow

— GOAL —

**\$858,175 & 300 People**



200 Attendees = \$83 / Person / Sunday

300 Attendees = \$55 / Person / Sunday

500 Attendees = \$33 / Person / Sunday

# 2017 Commitment to Give & Grow



ADMINISTRATION  
\$181,525

The exciting and necessary stuff...rent, utilities, postage, paperclips, insurance, bank & credit cards fees, staff and more!

21%



MARKETING  
\$102,800

So fresh and so clean..our web site is up to date, our print materials are hot and handy. Let's get the word out!

12%



COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT  
\$167,250

Supporting our community members, friends and visitors through engaging in Sacred Service, Sacred Circles, Creative Arts and Outreach is WHY

we exist! Having systems, support staff, spaces and places for intimacy, belonging and connection is the heart of community.

20%



SUNDAYS  
\$217,400

A powerful message, FABULOUS music and beLOVED community is delivered every week. The Vittum Theater, Bodhi House Band, technical wizardry, multi media and creative staff bring Service to life in Chicago and beyond!

25%



GIVING  
\$90,000

Circulating our good in the world - local orgs and people, outreach efforts, spiritual leaders, teachers, and musicians. Affirming there is more than enough to share!

10%



YOUTH & FAMILY  
\$99,200

Nurturing our AMAZING young people and families in their spiritual development calls for leadership, staff, and space!

12%

“ The human mind is like a fertile ground where seeds are continually being planted. The seeds are opinions, ideas and concepts. You plant a seed, a thought grows and it grows. The word is like a seed and the human mind is so fertile! - Miguel Ruiz

**Reveal Love Honor All Paths Celebrate Life**

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