

Protocol for becoming a Buddha Hand Circle Member

General Statement: The Buddha Hand Circle seeks to include as many voices as possible and has a target membership of between 3 and 5. Witnesses are welcome unless confidential material is being explored.

Criteria for membership:

A prospective BHC member

1. Will be a resident.
2. Will have been in residence (and present) for at least one year.
3. Will have experience with circles, council, the Statement of Right Conduct, ZCLA's Mission and Vision, Center policies, and other Center positions and protocols.
4. Should have an understanding of residency and residential training.
5. Should be able to initiate and follow through on decisions and policies of the BHC.
6. Should prioritize attendance at Residents Councils.

Steps to membership:

1. There are three routes to initiating membership:
 - a. Candidate puts him/herself forward.
 - b. BHC announces a vacancy on the circle to the entire residency.
 - c. Abbot recommends.
2. Second, the BHC meets with the candidate.
3. Third, the BHC sends a report to the Abbot, with a recommendation.
4. Fourth, the Abbot responds; at this point, the Abbot may want to meet with the candidate.
5. The Abbot responds to the BHC.
6. The BHC informs the candidate.