

Mountain Rain Zen Community

Notes from Meeting: Developing Our Vision

January 14, 2018

City Practice Centre (Zendo)

- Larger zendo space
- Secondary meeting room
- Rooms for teachers to stay over
- Stability (rent or own?)
- Expanded schedule of times for meditation
- Outreach, community service
- Location close to transit
- Use our existing Wall Street space/more programming/monitor use
- Current zendo is perfect as it is
- Provide employment training
- Garden/ courtyard
- Space big enough so we could provide childcare
- Include residential space (short and longer term) with shower & bathroom
- Industrial kitchen

Rural Practice Centre (Monastery/Retreat Centre)

- 1-4 hours from Vancouver
- Big enough for 40 + people (as many as 80?) at 7-10 day retreats
- Place for residential practice (1-3 months) key for training successors
- Quiet, secluded, remote
- Rustic/barebones/off the grid vs flush toilets?
- Access to trails in nature
- Could be close to a park (more urban)
- Could rent to other dharma groups

- Could be used as an addiction retreat centre or youth camp
- Small hermitage, few huts, stay for months or years (4-5 people)
- Garden/community supported agriculture

Also Discussed:

Residential (Co-Housing)

Sangha House (rented to sangha members, long term)

MRZC Websites

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