



# Great Ocean Dharma Refuge



We are in the process of slowly putting together a website for Great Ocean Dharma Refuge. Circumstances have developed so that it is helpful to post this page in advance, both to let you know of a current need and to express our gratitude for your continuing support. For those of you unfamiliar with Great Ocean Dharma Refuge, some more general information follows this letter.

## A Letter of Appeal

*1<sup>st</sup> May 2013*

*Dear Friends,*

*Great Ocean Dharma Refuge is supported entirely by donations. Like many people, we have experienced a diminishing of income and increase in costs in recent years – a period in which we have also been coping with major illnesses both within our little monastic community and in the lives of a number of individuals who are closely associated with Great Ocean Dharma Refuge.*

*During this difficult period, we have had to postpone maintenance on our temple facilities. We have been able to keep things operable, but our plumbing system has been sprouting leaks for some time and is now failing. Much of the system must be replaced. This heads a growing list of maintenance jobs, which also includes the repair of our building's four weathered chimneys.*

*We would be most grateful for any donations that can help us do the necessary repairs and improvements to our temple's facilities. We sincerely thank you for your consideration of this appeal.*

*With gratitude and bows,*

*Mokugen*

### **HOW YOU CAN HELP AT THIS TIME**

Great Ocean Dharma Refuge is a Registered Charitable Trust (Number 1077662) and is supported entirely by donations from members, retreatants and friends. All services are offered free of charge.

### **Donations can be made in the following ways:-**

They can be sent directly to:

Great Ocean Dharma Refuge, Penwern, Felindre Farchog, Crymych, Pembrokeshire, SA41 3XF with cheques made payable to "Great Ocean Dharma Refuge".

Should you wish to make a standing order please contact us for fuller information. In the U.K. if you would like us to claim Gift Aid on eligible donations (always much appreciated), please contact us for the relevant form. Tel: U.K. 01239891360

For donors in the U.S.A the options are:

- Donations can be made directly through the OBC website using the Donate/Paypal link, stating that the donation is for the benefit of Great Ocean Dharma Refuge.
- In North America cheques can be made payable to the "Order of Buddhist Contemplatives" clearly stating that your offering is intended for the benefit of Great Ocean Dharma Refuge and sent to the Order of Buddhist Contemplatives, 3724 Summit Drive, Mt. Shasta, CA96067-9102

Thank you very much.

In gassho

Rev. Mokugen Kublicki, M.O.B.C.



## Great Ocean Dharma Refuge



Great Ocean Dharma Refuge is a small contemplative monastic community and temple of the Order of Buddhist Contemplatives. We aspire to live by and transmit the teaching of Shakyamuni Buddha and of our late Founder Rev. Master Jiyu Kennett. The essential heart of this teaching is that there is an Unborn, Undying, Uncreated, Unformed that is our True Refuge, and that through meditation and keeping of the Precepts we can allow this Refuge, with Its compassion, love and wisdom to suffuse and help us in all circumstances and moments of everyday life.



The permanent community here at present are Rev. Master Mokugen and Rev. Caitlin. Rev. Master Mokugen was ordained by Rev. Master Jiyu-Kennett in 1978 and recognised by her as a Buddhist Master in 1983. After years of training at both Shasta Abbey and Throssel Hole Buddhist Abbey, and after moving to Wales in 1999 for the purpose of establishing a place of contemplative training, Great Ocean Dharma Refuge Charitable Trust was founded in 1999. Rev. Caitlin was ordained by Rev. M. Mokugen in 2005 and received Dharma Transmission from her in 2010. Living the simple daily monastic routine with gratitude is the bedrock from which the offering and sharing of our other activities is made.



Great Ocean Dharma Refuge is based in the beautiful Pembrokeshire countryside. Penwern, a small traditional ex- farmhouse serves as our temple, home and place of retreat for both monastic and lay members of the Sangha. Overnight or residential stays are particularly suited for those whose wish is to deepen their practice of serene reflection meditation and contemplation, and benefit from the teaching and peaceful environment the temple provides. We are also particularly well suited for private guided retreats and small group retreats. We welcome further enquiries.

