



ENKYOJI  
BUDDHIST NETWORK

## Teacher-Student Contract

Of my own free mind and accord, and in the presence of the Eternal Buddha, Nichiren Shonin and all protective deities of the Dharma, I do humbly, honestly, and sincerely promise and swear that I \_\_\_\_\_, agree to all of the following. I understand that this contract of conscience binds me as a student of priest Kanjin Cederman, hereafter referred as Shonin.

First my declaration of Faith,

I believe in Shakyamuni Buddha, who is shown as the Eternal Buddha in the Lotus Sutra. He is the redeemer of the world. I express my faith by chanting the Odaimoku (Sacred Title): Namu Myoho Renge Kyo. Namu Myoho Renge Kyo represents not only the title of the Sutra (called Hokekyo, the Sutra of the Lotus Flower of the Wonderful Dharma, the Lotus Sutra) in which Shakyamuni declares his eternity but also the law (teachings) expounded in the Sutra.

I believe that Nichiren Shonin was the messenger of the Eternal Buddha. He never gave up propagating the teachings of the Lotus Sutra and Odaimoku after he founded Nichiren Shu on the twenty-eighth day of the fourth month of the fifth year of Kencho (1253) although he was persecuted many times by arrogant people. The persecutions were just as those prophesized in the Lotus Sutra.

I hereby agree on the statement of faith, that I willfully accept all the responsibilities of being a official student of the Nichiren Shu, Nakayama; Enkyoji Temple lineage established by Nichiren Shonin, the founder of our lineage Toki Jonin, and the founder of our home temple Kuonjoin Nisshin and under the instruction of Kanjin Cederman Shonin. Sincerely and without secrete evasion, I will follow without argument all directions and requests made by my Shonin. I understand that upon my Shonin promising to instruct me in the traditions and practices of the Nichiren Shu Nakayama lineage, I will gladly follow all instructions and requests. I accept all responsibility for my behavior and actions during my training. I take on myself all responsibility if any accident or other unforeseen event should happen during my travels or study and thereby relieve Shonin of any liability during my training. I also promise

**and swear that I will not reveal any part of my training or transmission unless to another priest of the Nichiren Shu Lineage of equal statues with Shonin.**

**I understand and accept that this contract and my status as a student of the Nichiren Shu Nakayama Enkyoji lineage can be terminated at anytime without explanation by Shonin. At that time, I will return all items given to me during or after my training.**

**I also agree not to discuss any training or teaching that I had received with anyone outside of my lineage, I will not fail to comply and follow any of the above rules and regulations. To all of the above, I do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear.**

**(Stamp of Hanko or Finger, with signature on top and date next to it, must be affixed to this document).**