Community Comments: Branching Streams – update

Gene: SFZC has for many years organized the leaders of many small temples in Suzuki Roshi’s lineage, in the U.S. and Mexico, through a network called “Branching Streams.” The network has become more and more formal over the years. Now the organization is requesting a membership donation.

Benefits to joining: temples may receive support in writing by-laws; access to SFZC chant copies and PDFs; help with a teacher search; help connect priests with sanghas in need of leadership. Cost: $250/year to participate.

Gene: Many of SCZC members are already dues-paying members of SFZC. We actually don’t need the resources offered at this point (chant book, help with by-laws, support for priests). Primary benefit of officially joining and paying dues would be to stay in connection.

Edie suggested Michael put a tentative expense into our 2016 budget as a “placeholder.”

Practice Committee requests Board endorsement for Kokyo to speak with Steve Weintraub (coordinator) to inquire regarding why the fee charge now? Straw poll: all in favor.