



Monks Without Borders

----- **CHARTER** -----

PURPOSE STATEMENT

In celebration of the diverse religions, spiritual expressions, and indigenous traditions throughout the world, *we hereby establish a **Chapter*** of Monks Without Borders in order to promote enduring interfaith cooperation, to end religiously motivated violence, and to create cultures of peace, justice, and healing for the Earth and all living beings.

PREAMBLE

We value voices that respect others, and believe that sharing our values and wisdom can lead us to act for the good of all. We respect the uniqueness of each tradition, and differences of practice or belief.

We unite to build safe places for conflict resolution, healing and reconciliation. We believe that our religious, spiritual lives, rather than dividing us, guide us to build community and respect for one another.

We unite to use our combined resources for only nonviolent, compassionate action, to awaken to our deepest truths, and to manifest love and peace for all life on Earth, and beyond.

PLEDGE

- I acknowledge that MWB is a peace-building organization, not a religion.
- While interacting with others, I will listen and speak with respect.
- I will not coerce anyone into any ritual or religious practice which they are uncomfortable with.
- I will resolve conflict without ever resorting to violence, in word, or deed.
- I understand and will ensure that group deliberations and decisions shall be made democratically, and reflect the values of this Charter.
- I will abide by regional and international law, striving also, to maintain the highest standards of integrity and ethical conduct, prudent use of resources, and fair and accurate disclosure of information.

PROGRAM DETAILS

PARTICIPANTS

No religious degrees required. Our chapters are composed of inspired individuals and peace loving people, from all walks of life, and living in all kinds of places.

ADMINISTRATION

Monks Without Borders office staff, based in Los Angeles, helps to provide services which promote development and effective communication among new and existing chapters.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

Each chapter pursues their own goals, relevant to their local community and the issues of greatest concern to them. A list of popular activities and suggested guidelines are available upon request. These include: community service projects, peace vigils, interfaith celebrations, study circles, and more.

GLOBAL NETWORK

Chapters from every continent are connected through the Monks Without Borders network. Through this network each chapter shares knowledge and experience, inspiring and encouraging all.

WEBSITE

A special website and bulletin board provides another opportunity to communicate with and get to know one another.

NEWSLETTER

A monthly newsletter and e-mail announcements highlight special events, holidays, programs, and spiritual practices.

AFFILIATES/PARTNER GROUPS

Appropriate affiliates are individuals, groups, or organizations, who support the values expressed in Monks Without Borders' Charter, and desire to be included in communication and activities, but do not desire the rights and responsibilities of belonging to a Chapter.

PRE-EXISTING GROUPS

Any multi-faith group may choose to become recognized as a Chapter. Some existing interfaith organizations are anticipated to join our network of chapters simply because they desire to play an even bigger part in the growing, global, interfaith movement.

FINANCES & FUND RAISING

Each chapter is expected to fund its own projects and is responsible for managing its own finances. As Monks Without Borders grows over the next several years, we intend to begin financially supporting some of the most inspiring Chapter projects. We also hope that chapters in more affluent areas will elect to help us raise funds for the proposed Museum of World Religions.

ESTABLISH A CHAPTER

LOCATION

CITY / STATE: _____

COUNTRY: _____

CONTACT INFO

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

GROUP MEMBERS (a minimum of 3 people are required)

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

By signing this application to establish a chapter of Monks Without Borders,
I hereby agree to abide by the standards of integrity outlined in the Charter
and will help ensure that all chapter members do so also.

NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Please mail your completed application to Monks Without Borders:
1001 Dove Street, Suite #110, Newport Beach, CA. 92660
or scan it and email it to: monkswithoutborders@gmail.com