

玄修宮 *Xuan Xiu Gong*

## Taoist Retreat Center

Dear Friend,

I am always inspired by the progress that participants make in just a few short days while at our retreats. They learn, deepen their practice and develop real benefits from the experience. Yet, it always seems we have only just started when it is time to go. Extending that type of training by being able to hold longer retreats, more often, at our own Taoist Retreat Center has been a long term goal. Now is the time to bring that dream to fruition and you can help!

**We have identified a prime location for our retreat center** – a 30 acre forested site with salmon-bearing stream, pond, a natural spring and existing buildings that can be easily retrofitted for our immediate needs – all just an hour from Seattle. We have already raised seed money to begin moving the project forward. To acquire the site we need to raise an additional \$350,000 and we are asking you to make a donation to help make this possible. Your financial participation also develops and nourishes the qi of the community and of the Taoist Retreat Center.

**This is a huge opportunity for the Taoist Studies Institute** and all involved in our community. The Taoist Retreat Center (Xuan Xiu Gong) will allow us to host regular weekend and weeklong retreats as well as enabling longer-term training and cultivation in a dedicated facility specifically designed to enhance cultivation. With our own retreat center, we'll be able to invite teachers, practitioners, and students from China and all over the world to visit more often and stay longer.

In the Taoist tradition, sacred places impart something of the spirit and essence to those who visit. The sites are in turn nourished and enhanced by the visitors practice and cultivation there. Establishing such a center here in the Seattle area will greatly benefit individual practitioners and our entire community.

We are close to making this a reality. Your donation, when joined with others -- each person contributing as their means allow -- will grow this wonderful center for our community.

Currently, a generous benefactor is matching donations of \$1000 up to \$25,000, so your contribution made now will make the biggest impact.

Thank you for considering this project, and helping it become an enduring legacy that will benefit many beings for generations to come.

**I look forward to spending time with you at Xuan Xiu Gong!**

In companionship on the Way,

Harrison C Moretz     Director

To track progress and learn more please go to the Taoist Temple Retreat page on the TSI website:  
<http://www.taoiststudiesinstitute.org/getting-involved/taoist-temple-retreat/index.php5>.