

玄修宮 *Xuan Xiu Gong*

Taoist Retreat Center

Vision

Taoist temple retreats have a long history in China. Usually built in natural settings, they are designed to be in harmony with nature, both caring for and being nourished by the environment, following the Taoist emphasis on living and practicing in accord with nature.

Xuan Xiu Gong 玄修宮 Taoist Temple Retreat Center will provide a facility with a spiritual environment for both short term intensive and long term cultivation, teaching, and practice in the Taoist tradition.

Architecture

This will be the first traditionally built Taoist temple in North America. We are working with architects and builders in China and will coordinate educational opportunities in traditional Chinese architecture and building methods as part of the project.

Stewardship

Acquiring the appropriate site, and developing the retreat center, will allow us to care for and nourish the land, preserving it for future generations as a site dedicated to Taoist cultivation.

Community

This will be a sacred site where visitors can be nourished and renewed, and dedicated practitioners can deepen their practice through the opportunities of long term training that the retreat will offer.

Project Phases

The project will progress in five major phases, first refurbishing existing structures and then building new structures:

- Phase 1** Acquire the site
Retrofit existing buildings
- Phase 2** Mountain Gate
Dormitory building
- Phase 3** Main temple
Gallery buildings
- Phase 4** Main practice hall
Additional dwelling units
- Phase 5** Auxiliary shrines
Gardens and courtyards

For more information and to follow our progress, visit our website at: www.TaoistStudiesInstitute.org



A traditional horizontal carved wooden sign (*bian*) with the Taoist Temple Retreat Center name, Xuan Xiu Gong, was donated by The Qing Cheng Mountain Daoist Association and is now hanging at the Taoist Studies Institute.



We have a wonderful prospective site and have raised seed money to begin moving the project forward.