

RETURNING TO STILLNESS

Meditation sessions and dharma talks with Ryan Doran-Fisher, primary teaching monk, Grand Rapids Zen Buddhist Temple

WHEN:

Friday March 8 - Introductory Session 7 - 8:30 pm

Saturday March 9 - Two Dharma Talks & Meditation Sessions 10:30 - 12:30, and 1 - 3 pm

Event sponsors may receive private consults with Ryan from 3 - 5 pm; ask how to become a sponsor for this wonderful event!

WHERE:

Chapel of Our Guardian Angels
812 Petoskey St, intersection of Petoskey St & Fulton,
Petoskey, MI 49770

HOW:

\$5 for Friday evening Introductory Session.

\$20 for both Saturday Sessions.

EVENT SPONSORED BY:

Tara's Meadow Education & Retreat Center for Earth Peace, Culture & Spirit

Tara's Meadow is a 501c.3 nonprofit that has offered guest sojourns, Labor Day retreat events and customized retreats at its wilderness retreat center on beautiful Beaver Isle for 25 years.

Contact Seamus Norgaard to register and find out how to become a sponsor for Ryan's "Return to Stillness" Event: 231.347.7957 email: celticbodyprayers@gmail.com

Ryan Doran-Fisher holds a B.A. in World Literature and Philosophy in addition to a graduate degree in Celtic Language and Literature from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth. He has been teaching philosophy since 2004 with emphasis in teaching students to awaken the spirit of practical self-inquiry and to realize the wisdom of humility in knowing that we do not know. In 2012, Ryan was ordained by Haju Sunim of the Buddhist Society of Compassionate Wisdom as a Dharma Teacher after five years of training in the Maitreya Buddhist Seminary and in May of 2015 he was ordained as a full Teaching Monk by Deokwum Sunim of the Grand Rapids Buddhist Temple and Zen Center. Drawing on comparative mythology, the Buddhist masters of past and present, the desert fathers of early Christianity, five years experience with urban homesteading, and deep involvement with an old order Amish community, Ryan has fallen in love with the simple life. The simple life is not an easy life, but rather one of full engagement with ordinary activities, which Ryan believes to be the very ground of our awakening, a profoundly ordinary path into the heart of everyday life.

Ryan Doran-Fisher is an Ordained Zen Buddhist Teaching Monk, and currently directs Buddhist trainings, dharma talks, and curricula for the Zen Buddhist Temple in Grand Rapids Michigan. Ryan is also a poet, musician, professor of philosophy, and local food and urban agriculture activist. He has created and taught courses on Food Ethics, created and operated a cooperative CSA, created and owned an urban farm/homestead called Dharma Farm in addition to opening market access for the Amish in Grand Rapids for the last 5 years, and served as one of the primary clergy for the Grand Rapids Buddhist Temple for several years



"During Petoskey 's upcoming Zen Meditation Retreat Returning to Stillness, I will be offering group meditation instruction and practice sessions, dharma talk and discussion, and optional one-on-one practice interviews to support individual spiritual development" —Ryan