

Dharma Name-giving Ceremony

- Homage (*Recite the O-daimoku three times.*)
- Invocation

We put our faith in

The Eternal Buddha Shakyamuni—Great Benevolent Teacher, World-Honored One;

The Tathagata Abundant Treasures, witness to the Lotus Sutra;

The separated embodiments of the Buddha in the ten directions in the past, present, and future;

The four great bodhisattvas: Superior Practice, Boundless Practice, Pure Practice, and Steadfast Practice;

The bodhisattva-mahasattvas: Manjushri, Universal Sage, Maitreya, and all other bodhisattva-mahasattvas;

Great Bodhisattva Nichiren, revered practitioner of the Lotus Sutra;

Founder Nikkyo, Great Teacher of the One Vehicle;

Cofounder Myoko, Bodhisattva of the Way of Compassion;

The guardian spirits of Rissho Kosei-kai;

And the countless heavenly spirits in the ten directions.

May you all be present among us and know our deep devotion.

On this auspicious day, the [*family name*] family, of the [*chapter name*] Chapter, [*Dharma center name*], receive the Dharma name [*name of the Dharma, given by Rissho Kosei-kai*] for their new member.

We reverently pray for protection in all things so that this child of the Buddha may grow up in good health.

- Homage (*Recite the O-daimoku three times.*)
- Bestowal of the Dharma Name
- Closing Remarks
- Homage (*Recite the O-daimoku three times.*)

Note

During the Bestowal of the Dharma Name, the recitation leader presents the certificate of the Dharma name that had been placed on the altar to the representative of the family.