

Robert Shuka Merrill

Robert Shuka Merrill was born in Philadelphia; and a graduated from St. Vincent College with a BA in English and minor in Philosophy. He was ordained a Novice Priest in the Zen Garland Order in September of 2011.

Father of 3 children and grandfather of 2 boys all living in Lancaster, PA, he spent 30 years in sales primarily in the technology sector. Shuka attended Blue Mountain Lotus Society Seminary in Harrisburg and is presently completing his Buddhist Chaplain studies here at Zen Garland.

Having completed an ACPE Internship at Penn State Milton Hershey Medical Center, he currently is a Chaplain Resident at St. Luke's Hospital and Health Network, a 400 bed Level 1 trauma center, where he specializes in Oncology and Palliative Care patients.

Shuka is an award winning photographer and also enjoys gardening and writing poetry.