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An Australian Christian minister participated Buddhist Zen meditation in Toyama, Japan

The monthly Zen meditation was held at Shinkokuji Temple in Toyama, Japan. Enryo Nagata, the Zen minister of Shinkokuji Temple invited Terry Ayling to this Zen session last night.

Enryo and Terry got to know each other when Enryo's son, Akinari home stayed Terry's home in Gold Coast last year. They started to communicate each other through email and came to understand that Buddhism and Christianity have many things in common. They enjoyed the dialogue over the two different religions and finally decided to meet each other in Toyama, Japan. Terry, with his wife and son, came to Enryo's Temple to stay for five days.

During this Zen meditation Terry finds the different kind of stillness while sitting for 45 minutes. In Zen you empty your mind where as in Christianity you focus your mind. He finds this difference fascinating and even though the processes are different religions are something beyond your mind after all. This two progressive ministers, Buddhist and Christian enjoy their dialogue that might bring some creative actions in the future.

(Translation by Enryo Nagata)