

Tax Map/Block/Parcel  
No. 13-2-455

Building Permit/Zoning  
Certificate No. 93-3495

Case 3882

**OFFICIAL DECISION  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**APPLICANT:** International Meditation Center, U.S.A.  
446 Bankard Road  
Westminster, Maryland 21157

**ATTORNEYS:** Daniel Murphy and James Willard Davis, Esquires  
237 East Main Street  
Westminster, Maryland 21157

**REQUEST:** A conditional use for a retreat or conference center, and for such variances as may be required

**LOCATION:** 446 Bankard Road in Election District 3; Amended Plat of Eyler's Hill subdivision, lot 1A proposed to be recorded in the Carroll County Plat Records (See book 37, page 189)

**BASIS:** Article 6, Sections 6.3(cc) and 6.7; Ordinance 1E (The Carroll County Zoning Ordinance)

**HEARING HELD:** November 23, 1993

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION**

The application, testimony and evidence comprising the record of this case are hereby included by reference in this decision. Based on the record, the Board approved the conditional use (center) and a variance reducing the setback of 100 feet from the rear property line to 60 feet. The pertinent findings determining the decision include the facts that in April 1991, the Board authorized a retreat in dedicating the new church (Case 3522). In September 1992, a temporary center was approved for two retreats a year until establishment of a permanent center (Case 3783). The retreats have not adversely affected neighbors or public interests. As planned, the center will include a meditation hall, parsonage, dining room and kitchen, two dormitories, and the existing church. Although the site has been enlarged to better accommodate the center, the variance is necessary to preclude practical difficulty in locating and constructing the two dormitories. As proposed, the center will not unduly affect neighbors, the values of their properties or the public interests, and is in accord with the provisions of the zoning ordinance.

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Claude R. Rash  
Claude R. Rash, Chairman