

Mid-America Buddhist Association

October 2021 eNews



"Good are friends when need arises;
good is contentment with just what one has;
good is merit when life is at an end, and
good is the abandoning of all suffering (through Arahatsip)."

—Dhammapada v.331

Greetings from MABA


Please note: Although MABA continues to be closed to the public, a limited number of visitors will be allowed on Saturdays and Sundays, by appointment only. Please contact the [office](#) for more information and COVID protocols before you visit.

Join us every [Sunday](#) for LIVE Guided Meditations, Dharma Talks, and Discussions on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#) Live, all are welcome!

Dear Friends,

As the changing season reminds us shorter days and cooler nights are ahead, we can take a few moments to silently reflect on the ordinary in our lives. A leaf carried on the wind crossing our path. The skillful precision of crops being harvested along the highway. The quiet footsteps of a loved one in the kitchen. All fleeting, and in the present. Keeping a kind heart in all we do shows our commitment to living a life in the Dharma.

Our [Guanyin Blessing](#) ceremony will be on Zoom and FB on October 17. While repairs and staining have been completed to the pavilion, we are looking for a few volunteers to help us clean the Guanyin sculpture itself, either on Saturday, October 9 or 16. It should only take



an hour or so, and lunch will be provided. Please contact **Don Yeye** to volunteer. Thank you!

The **Buddhist Global Relief** Buddhist Action to Feed the Hungry will be held online **October 2** from 3-5pm (CT), more information is below. *Looking ahead:* We are happy to announce that Ven. Bhikkhu Bodhi will join us via Zoom for **Sunday Morning at MABA** on **November 7** at 9am; the topic will be announced next month.

Ajaan Thanissaro Bhikkhu will be joining us again for a teaching based on Chapter Nine of his book *On the Path* the evening of **November 3**. Contact **Xiǎnguān Don Yéye** to register.

Now is the time to get a regular flu shot, the **CDC** advises. If you have questions or fears about vaccinations, please contact the **office**. We are here to help.

As always, we are grateful for your ongoing support. Please stay well. We invite you to join us every **Sunday** for meditation, Dharma Talks, and discussions. All are welcome!

Your Friends in the Dharma,
The Community at MABA

Guanyin Blessing ~ October 17



美中佛教會觀世音菩薩 祈福燃燈供佛法會

**Avaloketesvara (Guanyin) Bodhisattvas
Lanterns Offering Blessing Ceremony on Zoom**

Sunday, October 17th, 2021

星期日 2021 年 10 月 17 日

10:00 AM ~ 11:00 AM

【The Gatha from Chapter 25 of the *Lotus Sutra*】 “Heart Sutra”

Dharma Talk by Master Jiru & Xiankuan Don

誦『觀世音菩薩普門品偈頌』，『心經』

為燃燈者及大眾祈福。

上繼下如法師及顯寬居士開示

注：MABA 當天（只限十月十七日，11:30AM-3:30PM）將只開放地藏殿及觀音亭讓
您及家人前往上香祈福。請勿進入其他建築。（可用禪堂樓下的衛生間）感激您的
合作。（全程務必戴口罩及遵守 MABA 列下的防疫措施。）

有興趣線上參加觀音法會者：請在點燈表格上填寫您的 Email。

To participate online:

please fill in your email address on the candle's registration form.

有興趣長期收到 MABA 的活動、訊息，可加入 MABA 的微信：

To receive MABA's news in Chinese via WeChat:

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<http://www.maba-usa.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/MABAAugusta>

Please click on images below to download lantern forms.

Mid-America Buddhist Association
2021 年觀世音菩薩祈福燃燈供佛登記表

2021 Guanyin Blessing Ceremony Candles Registration Form

祈福消災平安燈：當天點燈。每盞燈以登記兩名為限，每盞燈\$30。

Blessing Candles: Candle will be lit on 10/17/2021. Each candle lit is limited to two names, \$30 per candle lit.

平安祈福燈 1
Blessing Candle _____

平安祈福燈 2
Blessing Candle _____

平安祈福燈 3
Blessing Candle _____

平安祈福燈 4
Blessing Candle _____

為往生者點燈：當天點燈。每盞燈以登記兩名為限，每盞燈\$30。

Candles for the Deceased: Candle will be lit on 10/17/2021. Each candle lit is limited to two names, \$30 per candle lit.

往生燈 1
Deceased Candle _____

往生燈 2
Deceased Candle _____

往生燈 3
Deceased Candle _____

往生燈 4
Deceased Candle _____

Please make check payable to MABA. Please fill in the form and send together with the check to **MABA, 299 Heger Lane, Augusta, MO 63332** on or before 10/16/2021.

If you wish to send via zelle, please use email: office@maba-usa.org.

Applicant Name: _____ Tel: (____) _____ (Zelle/Cash/Check) # _____ Total Amount: \$ _____

Received By: _____ Receipt #: _____ Date: ____/____/2021

Email: _____
(PLEASE PRINT)

MABA
299 Heger Lane
Augusta, MO, 63332
Tel: (636) 482-4037

觀音亭燃燈供養 (\$100/一年) Guanyin Hall Lantern Offering (\$100/year):

燃燈牌位姓名 (Name to be lit on the lantern tablet)

(請選一項 Please choose one item.)

項目: 1 光明燈() 2 平安燈() 3 延壽燈() 4 智慧燈() 5 如意燈()

Donation Items:

1. Lantern of Illumination () 2. Lantern of Peace ()
3. Lantern of Longevity () 4. Lantern of Wisdom ()
5. Lantern of Wish Fulfillment ()

數目 Amount: US\$100.00 x ____ yr(s) (年) = US\$ _____

地藏殿往生覺靈蓮位(\$100/一年) Dizang Hall Lantern Offering for deceased (\$100/year):

往生者姓名: _____ 關係: _____
Name of the Deceased: _____ Relationship: _____

數目 Amount: US\$100.00 x ____ yr(s) (年) = US\$ _____

歷代祖先蓮位(請填寫您祖先的姓): _____

Ancestor's Tablet (Please write down the last name of your ancestor): _____

數目 Amount: US\$100.00 x ____ yr(s) (年) = US\$ _____

總數: US\$ _____ 日期: _____
Total: US\$ _____ Date: _____

如表格不夠請自行復印或寫於其它紙張上皆可。一人只限一張表格。
If you need more forms, please make copies of this form or write the information on a piece of paper. Please only put one name per form.

聯絡地址 Mailing Address: Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Tel: (____) _____

If you would like to receive the renewal notice by email, please provide your email address:

Email: _____
(PLEASE PRINT)

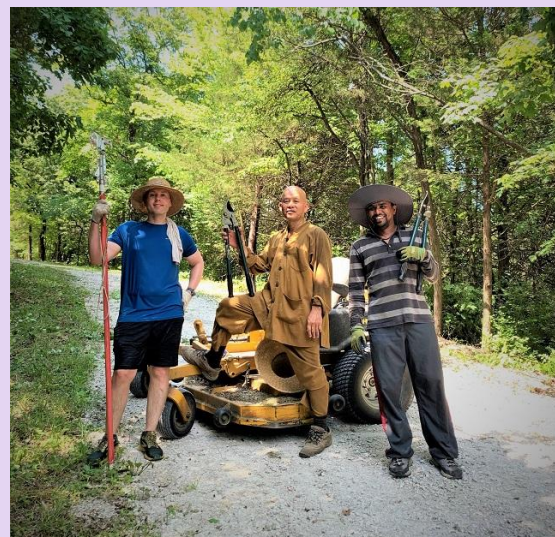
Thank you, Volunteers!

**With our sincerest gratitude,
thank you to all our volunteers this year!**



Despite COVID-19,
we accomplished a lot
together this summer, from
cleaning and installing
a new HVAC system
in Chan Hall,

to pruning trees and
cutting brush along the roads,
to repairs and painting of
Dizang Hall,





to
repairing,
sanding and staining
the Guanyin Pavilion.

**Thank you.
We truly appreciate your help!**

Compassion In Action ~ October 2 & 30



Ven. Bhikkhu Bodhi

BUDDHIST ACTION TO FEED THE HUNGRY

Join us via Zoom on October 2nd 3pm–5pm (CT)

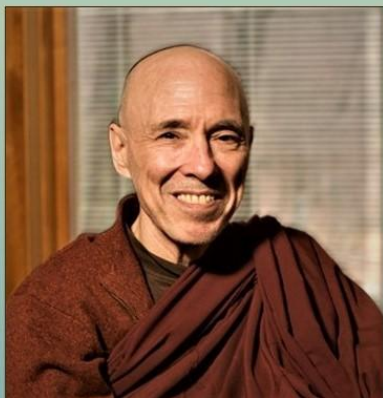
and October 30th Noon–2pm (CT)

www.buddhistglobalrelief.org

Putting Compassion Into Action

Bhikkhu Bodhi ~ Nov. 7

MABA Welcomes Back Venerable Bhikkhu Bodhi



Join Us
Sunday Morning
November 7
9:00am

Topic: TBA

Spring 2022 Classes

Registration is Open!

Click on the images below for more information on these two very worthwhile programs. We hope you will join us for one, or both, of these educational opportunities that are unique to the St. Louis (and Midwest) area.

MID-AMERICA BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION (MABA)
299 Heger Lane, Augusta, MO 63332, USA
www.maba-usa.org Tel: (636) 482-4037

Now Open for Application
Mindfulness & Dharma
Training Program
Fall Term 2021

Visit our website for a description of our facility located on a 76 acres land in the beautiful rolling hills of the Missouri River Valley.

PROGRAM FEATURES:

- * Combination of online lectures for Dharma learning and in-person retreat for mindfulness practice at MABA Monastery in Augusta, Missouri (45 minutes from St. Louis).
- * Dates & times for online courses: Every Sunday 1:30-4:30 PM CT starting Sept 12 till Nov 28, 2021
- * 4-day in-person retreat: Dec 2-5, 2021
- * For details of the program, visit our website or email to ybefacademy@gmail.com

COURSES OFFERED:

1. Establishing A Moral Foundation & Mindfulness of the Body
2. Four Noble Truths
3. History of Indian Buddhism
4. History of the Buddha and His Great Disciples

REQUIREMENTS:

- * Determination, sincerity, self-discipline in learning and practice
- * Proof of COVID-19 vaccination prior to join the in-person retreat.

TUITION FEE FOR ONE TERM: USD \$499

- * Discount if early registration by Aug 1: USD \$449
- * Discount for subsequent terms, visit our website for the details.

Scan here for online application form:

DIPLOMA IN PĀLI & BUDDHIST STUDIES (DPBS)

Admission 2022
Now Open for Application

Jointly Offered by University of Kelaniya (UoK) & Right Mindfulness Training Academy (RMTA)

About The Program

- This Associate-equivalent program consists of 16 compulsory credits and 14 optional credits for the total of 450 class hours
- Taken over two years period at part-time basis
- Taught primarily by qualified monastic and lay teachers
- Certificate will be conferred by the university upon completion of the program
- Classes will be held by RMTA through Zoom on two weekends each month, total of four months/semester, two semesters/year.

Commencement Date: MARCH 12, 2022

Fee: One-Time Registration USD \$500.00

To Apply: Email to ybefacademy@gmail.com for application form

Welcome to the Pāramitā Challenge! ☐☐☐☐☐☐

Pāramitā Challenge!

Join us for a 10-month meditation, study, and application of the Ten *Pāramitās* (Perfections), including the Ten Major Bodhisattva Vows!

Receive a monthly guide of this practice based on: *Sutra on Understanding the Profound and Esoteric Doctrine* (解深密經 *Jiě shēnmì jīng*), *Doctrine of Mere-Consciousness* (成唯識論 *Chéng wéishí lùn*), and the *Brahmā's Net Sutra* (梵網經 *Fànwǎng jīng*).

The material is easy to understand and enjoyable to practice!

Contact Don Yéye at
donshushu@cbt-stl.com to sign up.

MABA Calendar

October 3 - Sunday Services - Dharma Talk by Xiǎnxǐng Sherrie
October 10 - Sunday Services - Dharma Talk by Xiǎnzhi Katty
October 10 - Four Foundations of Mindfulness Class, pt.2
October 17 - Sunday Services - Guanyin Blessing - Dharma Talk by Master Jìrú and Xiǎнкуān Don Yéye
October 24 - Sunday Services - Dharma Talk by Xiǎnchū Cory
October 31 - Sunday Services - Dharma Talk by Master Jìrú

November 7 - Sunday Services - Special Guest Bhikkhu Bodhi ~ 9am
November 14 - Sunday Services - Kathina Ceremony
November 21 - Sunday Services - Dharma Talk by Xiǎnhuān Francesca
November 28 - Sunday Services - Dharma Talk by Xiǎnji Lee

December 1 - Monastic Winter Retreat Begins

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**MABA's Sunday Services** and Book Study Group meet every Sunday.  
Everyone is welcome! (use Zoom link below).  
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Sunday Services Schedule (Central Time-US):

- 9:15 am -- Meditation Instruction Video
 - 9:30 am -- Guided Sitting Meditation
 - 10:00 am -- Dharma Talk
 - 10:40 am -- Chanting (in English), Announcements, and Short Break
 - 11:00 am -- Book Study Group (reading *On the Path*)
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Zoom link for MABA Sunday Services:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88072392264?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88072392264?pwd=a3htWG02Z0x1RzYvbTUvc0hnT1V5Zz09)
[pwd=a3htWG02Z0x1RzYvbTUvc0hnT1V5Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88072392264?pwd=a3htWG02Z0x1RzYvbTUvc0hnT1V5Zz09)

Meeting ID: 880 7239 2264

Passcode: 130185

Or, find **MABA Sunday Services** Live on **Facebook**



Our **Sunday Book Study Group** continues reading and discussing Ṭhānissaro Bhikkhu's *On The Path* on Sundays during our regular Sunday Morning program.

We are currently reading Chapter Eight: Right Mindfulness. All are welcome, no experience necessary. To sign up for these classes, contact Xiānxǐng Sherrie at retreat@maba-usa.org to receive the free .pdf book. Or join us for Sunday Services and download it then.

***Join us on Wednesday, November 3, with special guest Ṭhānissaro Bhikkhu!
Contact [Xiānkuān Don Yéye](mailto:Xiānkuān_Don_Yéye) to register.***

MABA Cares



The MABA community is happy to be of benefit to any of our sangha members in difficulty, and we are able to help in several ways. If you are in a food emergency, MABA can provide supplies from MABA's pantry; if you cannot make it out to the monastery, we can deliver. For longer-term food assistance, we can help you find a food pantry.

Whether spiritual counseling and moral support, professional mental health counseling, end-of-life questions, or legal assistance, we can help you find a provider. If you feel unsafe, let us know.

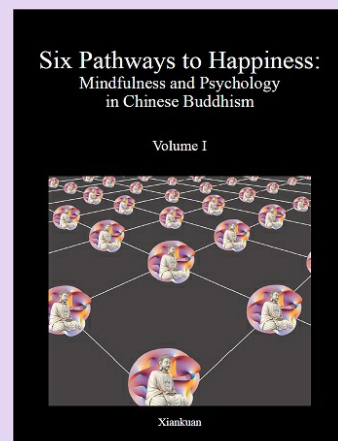
Please have no fear of reaching out; anyone can fall into difficulty, and there is no shame in a helping hand from a friend. Reach out to MABA at www.maba-usa.org/contact-us if you need assistance.

Dharma Talks and Guided Meditations

**This month's guided meditation from
Xiānkuān Don Yéye:
[Ten Minute Compassion Meditation](#)**

Xiānkuān continues to post new guided meditations on YouTube. Learn how to calm the mind, gain insight, and cultivate loving kindness and compassion at:
[Six Pathways](#)

Six Pathways is available in both softcover and e-book at Amazon.com. Stay tuned for Volume II later this year!



MABA continues to upload past Dharma Talks, and can be found at MABA's YouTube channel (more to come):

[Dharma Talks at MABA](#)

Photos, Events, and More!

To view more photos from events at MABA, please visit our [Media page](#).

Please visit our [Event Calendar](#) for upcoming events.

[Donate Now](#)

Please consider making a donation today.

All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

You may make secure contributions directly to MABA via PayPal, [PayPal Giving Fund](#), or by sending a check made payable to "MABA" to 299 Heger Lane, Augusta, MO 63332

Thank you for your continued support!

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