

Mid-America Buddhist Association

November 2022 eNews



Join us every **Sunday** for meditation, talks, chanting, and discussions
In-person and live on **Zoom!**

MABA is open to the public on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
Please wear masks indoors

Let none find fault with others;
Let none see the omissions and commissions of others.
But let one see one's own acts, done and undone.

—Dhammapada Verse 50

Greetings from MABA

We kindly ask our friends when visiting the monastery:

- be gentle and respectful to all living beings,
- refrain from wearing fragrances,
- speak in low tones,
- wear respectful clothing (plain colors, no bare knees or shoulders),
- remove shoes before entering buildings

All are welcome to join us for lunch at 11:45am in Blue Lotus House

We invite you to join us live every **Sunday Morning**, either in person or on **Zoom**, for meditation, Dharma talks, chanting, and discussions. All are welcome. Past Dharma talks and special event speakers will be uploaded to both our **YouTube channel** and **Facebook** page.

As always, we are grateful for your ongoing **support**. Please continue to stay safe, we look forward to seeing you soon.

May all beings be well and happy!

Your Friends in the Dharma,
The Community at MABA

Please consider making your tax-deductible end-of-year contributions today.
Thank you for your generosity!

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Opening the Gate to Awakening II

In November MABA will be hosting series of talks by famous Buddhist teachers from different schools, different traditions and even different countries! Join us in this once in a lifetime event.

To join use this [link](#) to register for the OGA II (people who register will receive a response with the zoom link. A reminder will be sent out a day before the talks):

2022 ZOOM DHAMMA TALK SERIES ORGANIZED BY MABA OPENING THE GATE TO AWAKENING II

<p>Tuesday November 8 7:30 pm CT</p>  <p>KARMA LEKSHE TSORMO</p> <p>Co-founder of Sakyadhita Int'l Assn. of Buddhist Women. Founding director of Jamyang Foundation, which supports the education of women and girls in the Himalayan region. Professor, Univ. of San Diego.</p>	<p>Wednesday November 9 7:30 pm CT</p>  <p>BHANTE SUJATO</p> <p>From Lokanta Vihara, End of the World Monastery in Australia. In Theravada Thai Forest lineage of Ajahn Chah, Bhante co-founded SuttaCentral Buddhist website. He is also involved with re-establishing Bhikkhuni Ordination in the Forest sangha.</p>	<p>Thursday November 10 7:30 pm CT</p>  <p>BHIKSUNI YAN RONG</p> <p>From Australia; ordained at Fayun Chan Monastery, Taiwan and has a degree in Buddhist Studies from Yitung Buddhist Institute, Taiwan. Her main focus is working with the Taiwan Yinshun Foundation on the translation of Master Yinshun's texts into English.</p>	<p>Friday November 11 7:30 pm CT</p>  <p>MASTER JĪRÚ meditation</p> <p>Abbot of Mid-American Buddhist Association (MABA) Monastery in Augusta, Missouri. Abbot, International Buddhist Friendship Assn. Chicago; Former Abbot, Chuangyen Monastery, & Great Enlightenment Temple, NY</p>	<p>Saturday November 12 2:00 pm CT</p>  <p>BHIKKHU BODDHI</p> <p>One of the great present-day Buddhist translators and commentators, author of numerous books, including In the Buddha's Words. Currently resides at Chuangyen Monastery. Founder of Buddhist Global Relief; President, Buddhist Assn. of the United States</p>	<p>Sunday November 13 10:00 am CT</p>  <p>MASTER JĪRÚ talk</p> <p>Abbot of Mid-American Buddhist Association (MABA) Monastery in Augusta, Missouri. Abbot, International Buddhist Friendship Assn. Chicago, Former Abbot, Chuangyen Monastery, & Great Enlightenment Temple, NY</p>	<p>Monday November 14 7:30 pm CT</p>  <p>THUBTEN CHODRON</p> <p>Bhikkhuni Thubten Chödrön, who first studied under the 14th Dalai Lama, is the Abbess of Sravasti Abbey in WA, training monks and nuns in the Tibetan tradition with emphasis on social outreach.</p>
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Children's half day at MABA

November 13 09.30 -
November 27 - 11.45

Sign up at
office@maba-usa.org

November 13 is Kathina Day at MABA
Please bring your children to participate

Parents could join our Sunday morning
program after drop off your children

Our Children's Half-Day program continues to meet every 2 weeks.

We welcome children ages 5 through 12 with their own program in Manjusri Hall, while our regular **Sunday Mornings** program is held in Chan Hall. Then we all meet for lunch at 11:45am at the Blue Lotus House.

Taking Refuge & Precepts

Taking Refuge and Precepts with Master Jiru

Taking Refuge and the Five Precepts
are the first formal steps on the Buddhist Path

Sunday November 13, 2022

9:30 to 11:45 am

In-Person at MABA

To register, contact us at office@maba-usa.org

To learn more,
attend the Sunday Study Group at 11 am online and in person.

Sunday, Nov. 13 is also our annual Kathina Blessing Ceremony.
This is when our Lay Sangha shows generosity to the Monastics.
We are currently raising funds to help the Venerables with their
Requisites prior to the Three-Month Retreat from Dec-Feb.
Donations can be made in advance online at office@maba-usa.org



*Take Refuge in the
Buddha-Dharma-Sangha.
Vow to practice the Precepts of
No killing, stealing, sexual
misconduct, lying, intoxication.*

All events are free and open to the public. Donations are appreciated.

On **November 13**, Master Jiru will be conferring **Refuge and Precepts**. Please fill out the **form** if you are interested, either for the first time or for those who would like to renew their vows.

This month we invite you to join our study group at 11am **Sunday Morning** for a better understanding of taking refuge and precepts. All are welcome!

For more information (including study materials), and to sign-up, please contact the office at office@maba-usa.org.

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Kathina Day Schedule

9.15 - 9.30 Sitting meditation
9.30 Inviting the monastics to the front stage
9.30 - 10.00 Three Refuges Ceremony
10.00 Kathina Offerings ceremony
Master Jiru's Dharma Talk
Blessing chanting
Dedication of merit
11.45 Lunch at Blue Lotus House

For joining online on ZOOM please use OGA II ZOOM link, instead of Sunday Morning

New Bodhisattvas

During the Bodhisattva retreat in October the participants had an opportunity to take Bodhisattva precepts.

Welcome new Bodhisattvas!

1. □□□□ XiǎnZhù Púsà John
2. □□□□ XiǎnDǎng Púsà Dan
3. □□□□ XiǎnTiē Púsà Taylor
4. □□□□ XiǎnYí Púsà Elaine
5. □□□□ XiǎnChéng Púsà Danny



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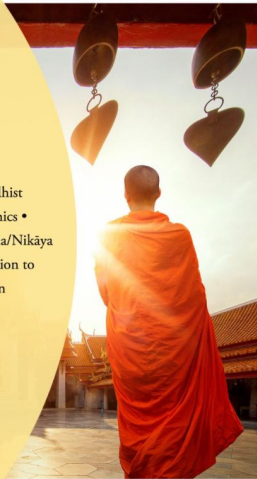
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For more information, please visit our website:



<https://maba-usa.org/dbs-2023-2024>

Email: ybefacademy@gmail.com



Chinese study group in Mandarin

Skype Host: Sin EE

Tuesdays 8-10 pm

Current topic of study: Discourse by Master Yin Shun –
The “Extensive Commentary on the Five Skandhas of
the Mahayana Tradition”
大乘廣五論講記

Contact: Katty Choi

Email: kattymetta2you@gmail.com or iktan-sinee@yahoo.com

All who are interested are welcome to join us!

MABA Calendar

- Nov. 06 -- Sunday Mornings at MABA** - Dharma Talk by Xiǎnzhi Katty
Nov. 08 -- Opening the Gates to Awakening - talk by Ven. Karma Lekshe Tsormo
Nov. 09 -- Opening the Gates to Awakening - talk by Bhante Sujato
Nov. 10 -- Opening the Gates to Awakening - talk by Ven. Yanrong
Nov. 11 -- Opening the Gates to Awakening - Meditation with master Jiru
Nov. 12 -- Opening the Gates to Awakening - talk by Bhikkhu Boddhi
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Nov. 13* -- Refuge&Precepts ceremony at MABA
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Nov. 14 -- Opening the Gates to Awakening - talk by Ven. Thubten Chodron
Nov. 20 -- Sunday Mornings at MABA - Dharma Talk by Xiǎnxǐng Sherrie
Nov. 27* -- Sunday Mornings at MABA - Dharma Talk by Xiǎнкуān Don Yéye
* = Children's Half-Day

Topic: Dharma for Difficult Times

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#### **Sunday Mornings at MABA Schedule:**

- 9:15 am -- Meditation Instruction Video
- 9:30 am -- Guided Sitting Meditation
- 10:00 am -- Dharma Talk
- 10:30 am – Chanting (in English), Announcements, and short break
- 11:00 am -- Study Group (topic: refuge and precepts)
- 11:45 am -- Conclude; lunch in Blue Lotus House

#### **Zoom link for Sunday Mornings at MABA:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86110188493?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86110188493?pwd=NnhzQ0FxcWZCTzljZHFimHVxLzc4UT09)  
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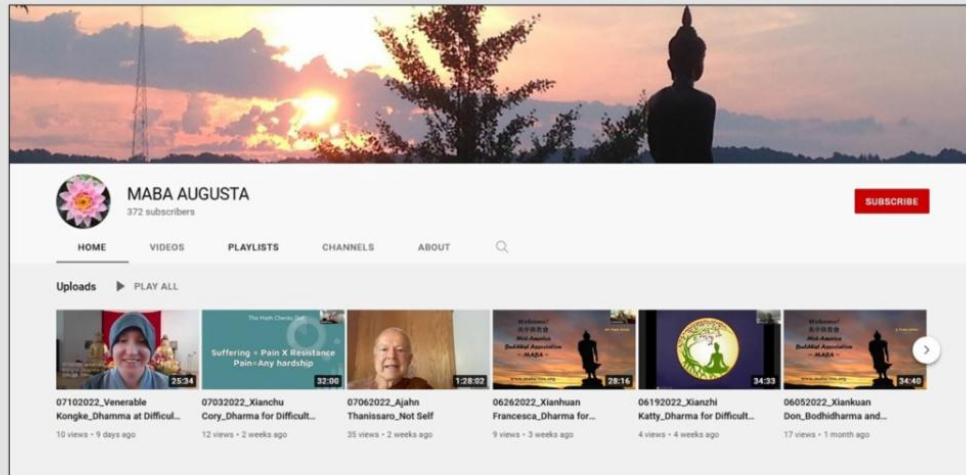
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Passcode: 828040

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[www.youtube.com/MABAAugusta](http://www.youtube.com/MABAAugusta)

Reminder that the deadline for eNews submissions is the 24th of the month  
and may be sent to [office@maba-usa.org](mailto:office@maba-usa.org). Thank you!

## Photos, Events, and More

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