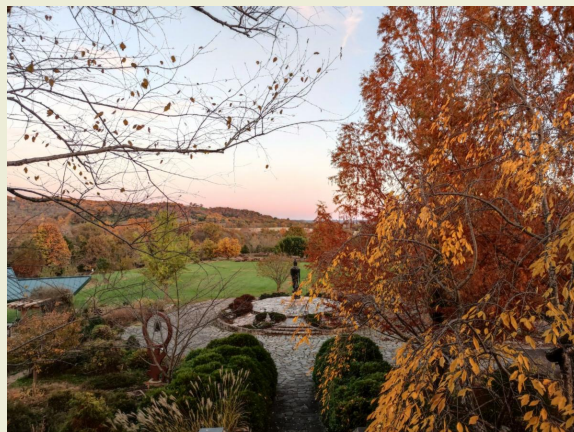


# Mid-America Buddhist Association

## October 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**

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Dear Dharma Friends,

Our Bodhisattva Retreat will be held on October 14-16 and is by invitation to those who have taken Bodhisattva Vows or have taken Refuge and Precepts and are interested in taking Bodhisattva Vows.

## BODHISATTVA RETREAT

October 14-16, 2022

Everyone who have taken Bodhisattva Vows or have taken Refuge and Precepts and are interested in taking Bodhisattva Vows are welcome!

Mid-America Buddhist Association

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><b>KARMA LEKSHE TSORMO</b></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><b>BHANTE SUJATO</b></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><b>BHIKSUNI YAN RONG</b></p> <p>From Australia; ordained at Fayun Chan Monastery, Taiwan and has a degree in Buddhist Studies from Yitong 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><b>MASTER JIRÚ meditation</b></p> <p>Abbot of Mid-American Buddhist Association (MABA) Monastery in Augusta, Missouri. Abbot, International Buddhist Friendship Assn. Chicago, Former Abbot, Chuangyen Monastery, &amp; Great Enlightenment Temple, NY</p>	<p>Saturday November 12 2:00 pm CT</p>  <p><b>BHIKKHU BODDHI</b></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 9:15 am CT</p>  <p><b>MASTER JIRÚ talk</b></p> <p>Abbot of Mid-American Buddhist Association (MABA) Monastery in Augusta, Missouri. Abbot, International Buddhist Friendship Assn. Chicago, Former Abbot, Chuangyen Monastery, &amp; Great Enlightenment Temple, NY</p>	<p>Monday November 14 7:30 pm CT</p>  <p><b>THUBTEN CHODRON</b></p> <p>Bhikkhuni Thubten Chödrön, who first studied under the 14<sup>th</sup> 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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**AUTUMN**  
October - November

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## Children's Half Day

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**October 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**October 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**November 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**November 27<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30am ~  
11:45am**

*For more information  
and to sign-up,  
please contact:  
[office@maba-usa.org](mailto:office@maba-usa.org)*

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*Parents could join our Sunday Mornings program  
after drop-off your children.  
Sunday Morning Schedule:  
<https://maba-usa.org/sunday-morning>*

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**November 13<sup>th</sup> is Kathina Day at MABA.**  
*Welcome to bring your children to participate.*

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.

# 美中佛教會觀世音菩薩 祈福燃燈供佛

Avalokitēvara (Guān Yīn) Bodhisattvas  
Lanterns Offering Blessing Ceremony

Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

星期日 2022 年 10 月 16 日

8:40 AM ~ 10:30 AM

Chanting:

The Gatha from Chapter 25 of the *Lotus Sutra* and *Heart Sutra*

Dharma Talk by Master Jiru

誦《觀世音菩薩普門品》偈頌及《心經》

為燃燈者及大眾祈福。

上繼下如法師開示

There will be a Bodhisattva Vows Ceremony conferred by Master Jiru at 10:30 AM, if you would like to take the Bodhisattva Vows, please email to [office@maba-usa.org](mailto:office@maba-usa.org).  
**Note:** MABA welcome you and your family, relatives, and friends to participate in this Dharma ceremony. Please wear mask at all time & follow the COVID-19 prevention measures set by MABA. Vegetarian lunch will be served.

上繼下如法師將於當天早上十點半傳授菩薩戒。您如有意受持菩薩戒，可電郵至 MABA 辦公室：[office@maba-usa.org](mailto:office@maba-usa.org)。

注：歡迎您和家人親友們共同來參與法會。全程務必戴口罩及遵守 MABA 列下的防疫措施。本會將提供午齋與大眾共享。

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 form** to those who 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

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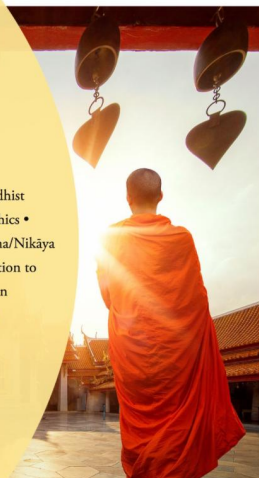
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Email: [ybefacademy@gmail.com](mailto:ybefacademy@gmail.com)



# Chinese Study Group

in Mandarin

Wednesdays 8–10 pm CT

Skype Host: Sin EE

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

Contact: Katty Choi

Email: [kattymetta2you@gmail.com](mailto:kattymetta2you@gmail.com) OR: [lktan\\_sinee@yahoo.com](mailto:lktan_sinee@yahoo.com)

*All who are interested are welcome to join us!*

## MABA Calendar

**Oct. 02** -- **Sunday Mornings at MABA** - Dharma Talk by Xiǎnxǐng Sherrie

**Oct. 09\*** -- **Sunday Mornings at MABA** - Dharma Talk by Xiǎnzé Jeff

**Oct. 14–16** -- **Bodhisattva Retreat**

**Oct. 16** -- **Guanyin Blessing** (opening at 8.40 am)

**Bodhisattva Vows Ceremony** and Dharma Talk by Master Jǐrú

**Oct. 23** -- **Sunday Mornings at MABA** - Dharma Talk by Ven. Kōngyán

**Oct. 30\*** -- **Sunday Mornings at MABA** - Dharma Talk by Ven. Kōngke

\* = *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=NnhzQ0FxcWZCTzljZHFiMHVxLzZc4UT09)  
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**Meeting ID: 861 1018 8493**

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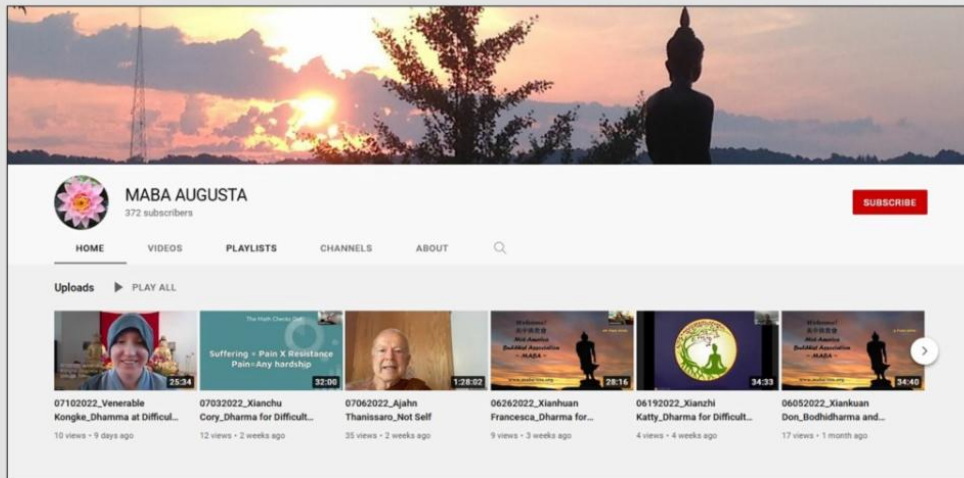
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**[www.youtube.com/MABAAugusta](http://www.youtube.com/MABAAugusta)**

*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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