

Mid-America Buddhist Association

March 2023 eNews



Join us every **Sunday** for meditation, chanting, and study
In-person at MABA

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

"He abused me, he beat me, he defeated me, he robbed me,"—
in those who harbour such thoughts hatred will never cease.
"He abused me, he beat me, he defeated me, he robbed me," —
in those who do not harbour such thoughts hatred will cease.
For hatred does not cease by hatred at any time,
hatred ceases by love, this is an old rule.

—*Dhammapada Verses 3-5*

Greetings from MABA



Join us in person
every Sunday at MABA

09.30 – 10.00 Sitting meditation
10.00 – 10.10 Walking meditation
10.10 – 10.45 Dhamma Talk
10.45 – 11.00 Chanting
11.00 – 11.45 Study Group
11.45 Vegetarian Lunch at
Blue Lotus House

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** for meditation, Dharma talks, chanting, and discussions. 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

Dana is the virtue of giving. It is the practice to overcome lower fetters, such as greed and ignorance and the way to accumulate merits, that will support the practice of meditation. Without preliminary effort to establish virtuous actions, the practice of meditation often become fruitless. Don't hesitate and seize any opportunity to develop this virtue.

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VISITING SCHOOLS

Purdue University

MABA community never grows tired serving the society, especially catering for future generations. Master Jiru and junior monastics travelled to Purdue University (Indiana) for a two days meditation practice.



Principia Middle School

Junior monastics ven. Kongke and ven. Konjin, lay teacher Lee Patton attended religious summit at Principia Middle School, where eighth graders have been learning about the five major world religions – Judaism, Hinduism, Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism. The dialogue between different religious groups hopefully will be a good cause for better mutual understanding and promotion of peace.



Qing Ming Memorial Service

**Qing Ming Memorial Service
ON FILIAL PIETY AND GRATITUDE**
美中佛教會清明孝親報恩法會

Sunday, April 09th, 2023

星期日 2023年4月09日

10:00 AM ~ 11:30 AM

"Diamond Sutra," "Heart Sutra,"

"Transferring of Merit"

【金剛經】、【心經】、回向

歡迎您及家人一起來追思往生者。

Everyone is very welcome to join us for the memorial service.

(全程務必戴口罩及遵守 MABA 列下的防疫措施。)

Friends visiting are still encouraged to wear a mask for everyone's safety precaution.

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Website: <https://www.maba-usa.org>

Volunteers Welcome!

The spring season is here!
Our monastery is happy to receive any help
in cleaning the Chan Hall and gardening.
Join us on Saturday Mornings,
with vegetarian lunch provided.
Please let us know you are willing to come
and help



Beginners Retreat

This year MABA will host three beginners' retreats. Please save the dates:

1. July 7-9
2. September 29-1
3. November 10-12

All the details will be announced later.

Diploma in Buddhist Studies

Offered jointly by University of Kelaniya, a renown Buddhist University in Sri Lanka and Right Mindfulness Training Academy (RMTA), USA.

Admission 2023-2024 is Now Open for Application

Features

- Associate-equivalent program taken over two years period at part-time and online basis.
- Unique online learning opportunity offer courses taught by qualified monastic and lay Buddhist teachers.
- Certificate will be conferred by University of Kelaniya.

Courses offered

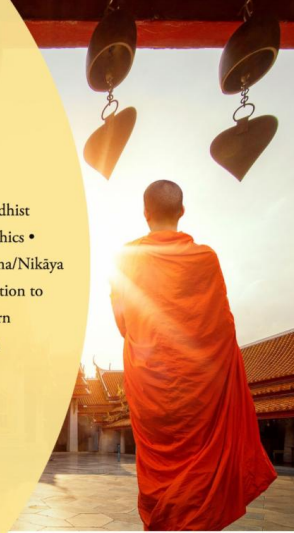
Historical Background of Buddhist Culture • Fundamental Teachings of Buddhist Philosophy • Selected Readings in Buddhist Sanskrit Literature • Buddhist Ethics • Buddhist Meditation • Theravada and Mahayana • Selected Readings in Āgama/Nikāya Literature • Abhidhamma and Development of Buddhist Thought • Introduction to Buddhist Psychology • Buddhist Analysis of Mind and Mental States • Modern Movements of Humanistic Buddhism • Mindfulness Practice and Its Modern Applications

For more information, please visit our website:



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

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Master Jiru's speech for the DBS new students (2023-2024 Academic year) on Feb 25, 2023:

Master encouraged the new students to study the Buddhist Studies program wholeheartedly by sharing the following points:

1. In the process of studying, we shall study the Dharma in a perseverant way, and study for the practical applications. After we have learned, let the knowledge be the guidance in our life. This is called the unity of knowledge and actions.
2. We need to be firm and persistent, hardworking and determined, and positive and open-minded, so that we keep progressing in the process of our studies.
3. We study to refine our moral quality and to raise our ambition to a higher level.
4. We accumulate more energy of life through studying the Dharma, and with that we will be able to serve and contribute better to society and the nation, and even be able to speak out and do our best for Buddhism.

IBFA Temple Opening Ceremony, Chicago

International Buddhism Friendship Association

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Opening Ceremony & Ceremony of Conferring Three Refuges & Five Precepts, Bodhisattva Precepts May 26-28, 2023

IBFA is scheduled to hold the **Opening Ceremony** for the new building and the **Ceremony of Conferring the Three Refuges and Five Precepts, and Bodhisattva Precepts** on May 26-28, 2023.

We are pleased to invite 92-year-old **Ven. Master Jan-hai** of Jade Buddha Temple in Houston TX to officiate at the opening ceremony and to be the precept master of the precept-conferring ceremony. You can become an official Buddhist disciple by taking the Three Refuges and Five Precepts. It is a rare opportunity, don't miss it!

We are now accepting applications for taking the Three Refuges and Precepts, please pick up the application form at IBFA or scan the QR code to download the form:



Opening Ceremony: May 26, 2023 (Fri)

Precepts-conferring: May 27-28, 2023 (Sat, Sun)

Brief intro of Ven. Master Jan-hai:

1931: Born in Jiangsu, China, he became a monk at the age of 9, received his ordination at the age of 16, and then studied at the Buddhist College of Wuzhen Tianning Temple.

1949: He went to Taiwan to learned from Ven. Ci-hang for ten years.

1960: Went to Thailand to study Thai and Pāli, received the Bhikkhu precepts of Thai Theravada tradition, and studied at Chulalongkorn Buddhist University.

1969: Transferred to Japan and studied at Rishso University, where he received a MA in Buddhist studies.

1972: Invited to New York to teach.

1978: He went to Houston TX where he co-founded the Texas Buddhist Association with his friends and teachers, and later built the Jade Buddha Temple and the American Bodhi Center to carry out various modernized Dharma activities.



He is the author of *The First Lesson of Mere Consciousness - A Brief Explanation of Extensive Mahāyāna Treatise on the Five Skandhas* [in Chinese], *A Brief History of Buddhism in Western Countries* [in Chinese], *A Scattered Collection of Buddhist History* [in Chinese], *A History of Southern Buddhism* [in Chinese], etc. He has also translated books into Chinese such as *The Pictorial Biography of the Buddha* and *The Language of Truth - Dhammapada*.

If you are planning to travel to Chicago from out of state, please fill in the [google form](#)

**SOCIALLY
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The Buddhist Council of Greater St. Louis
presents an evening of thought-provoking talks and panel
discussions about the application of Buddhist teachings to the
social and economic issues we face every day.

**WORLD
BEYOND
WAR, NUKE, ECOCIDE & KARMA**

March 18, 2023, Saturday 17:00-19:30 CST

17:00-10 Introduction of the Council & events

17:10-35 Rosan Yoshida,

Missouri Zen Center

“Dharma beyond Karma: Global Ethic”

17:35-55 Michael Wysession,

Washington University

“Eco Holiness beyond Eco Holocaust”

18:00-25 Akira Kawasaki

Peace Boat/ICAN

“Life beyond Nuke”

18:25-50 David Swanson,

World BEYOND War

“World beyond War: What the UN Should Be”

18:50-19:25 Q&A (panelists and/or audience)

19:25 Dedication by Kongsak Tanphaichitr

Hosted by Buddhist Council of Greater St. Louis

Free and Open to the Public – All Are Welcome!

To Join us live via Zoom: email office@maba-usa.org for a Zoom Invitation

Or join us live via Facebook: www.facebook.com/BuddhistCouncilSTL/

Donations are welcome to support St. Louis Area Food Bank

**Find past Dharma Talks on our YouTube channel:
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. Thank you!

Photos, Events, and More

See our YouTube channel for Dharma Talks and Special Speaker Events



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