

Mid-America Buddhist Association (MABA)
Urn Berth Donation Agreement for Dizang Hall

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In the spirit of loving-kindness and caring for all sentient beings taught by Lord Buddha, Dizang Hall was built to provide a peaceful Buddhist setting for commemorating our loved ones and for storing their urns. Storing urns at Dizang Hall ensures that traditional funeral services and offerings will be made, and that annual memorial services will be held for them. MABA's monastics provides their services in support of your loved ones as part of MABA's non-profit service to the Buddhist community; however, donations are required to ensure a place in Dizang Hall you deem appropriate for your loved ones.

I. Reserving a place for your loved ones

1. The type of berth (single or double) and the location you choose determine the amount of donation required:

Dual Berths:

\$6,500.00----Upper tier (Left/Right side, row 1 to 5) for dual berths.

\$6,000.00----Lower tier (Left side/Right, row 6 to 8) for dual berths.

Single Berths:

\$4,500.00----Upper tier (Left/Right side, row 1 to 5) for single berth.

\$4,000.00----Lower tier (Left/Right side, row 6 to 8) for single berth.

All donations are non-refundable.

2. Half of the donation amount is due when this application is submitted.
3. At the time of the application acceptance, those donating will be asked to draw for the specific location. Dual berths do not require those interred together to have been legal spouses.
4. After the signing of the application, the berth cannot be transferred without the written approval of MABA. MABA can, at its sole discretion, deny placement and/or services if there is an unofficial transfer.

II. Specifications of Urns

1. The maximum size of an urn cannot exceed 10"(L) x 10"(W) x 10"(H); space within Dizang Hall cannot accommodate oversize urns.
2. MABA will provide several choices of granite urns for you to use, if you wish. If you choose to use your own urn, please do not bring urns that are prone to deteriorate, crack, break, or become deformed.
3. When it is necessary for MABA to temporarily relocate an urn, for purposes of cleaning or maintenance, MABA will do so with the utmost respect and dignity.
4. MABA will take all reasonable care possible to ensure that urns are protected and well cared for, and that those interred are treated with reverence. However, MABA is not responsible for the damage of urns due to unusual or unforeseeable natural disasters or circumstances.

III. Applications

1. Please complete all sections of the application so it can be accepted without delay.
2. If the applicant is the one whose remains will be interred, the signature of the person chosen to execute this agreement for the applicant should sign below as Authorized Representative.

IV. Placement

1. At the time of need, MABA will do everything possible to accommodate the placement ceremony at a time appropriate for you and MABA.
2. Please provide the death certificate, cremation certificate, this agreement, and the application on the day of placement so that we can ensure that the interment is in compliance with the applicant's wishes.
3. In order to best protect the rights of applicant, only the person who signed the application, or that person's Authorized Representative, is entitled to make decisions regarding the urn. Only the applicant or the applicant's written Authorized Representative can apply to remove of the urn.

V. Annual Memorial Ceremony and Service

1. The Sangha will chant the Sutra on the placement day as part of the placement day memorial ceremony. Family members are to prepare offerings—generally including flowers and fresh fruits, and optionally a bowl of rice, & vegetarian dishes. Please also take care of the offerings after the commemoration.
2. MABA will conduct an annual commemorative Dizang ceremony for the redemption of the dead. The merit and benefit of this ceremony will be transferred to all beings in all the realms. Family members of those with urns in Dizang Hall will be notified in advance of the time and date of the ceremony. Donations for the annual ceremony, which will assist in the ongoing maintenance of Dizang Hall, are a source of benefit and merit and are deeply appreciated by MABA and its monastics.

VI. Reminders:

1. Please notify MABA in the event of changes in the contact person, address, telephone number, and contact method.
2. Dizang Hall hours are daily 10 AM to 4 PM. We ask that you enter and leave MABA quietly and respectfully, disturbing the practice as little as possible. If you wish to speak to the Abbot or one of the monastics, please call in advance for an appointment.
3. To ensure respect for the deceased, protection and preservation of the Hall and the safety of the visitors, no decorations or offerings are allowed in front of the urns. Please use only cut flowers and fruits; please remove the offerings from the Hall at the conclusion of your visit.
4. If necessary to preserve the peace and atmosphere of reverence and respect, MABA may change the rules and conditions for using Dizang Hall without notice to urn owners and family members.

Applicant's Name: _____
(Print) (Signature) Date

Authorized Representative: _____
(Print) (Signature) Date

Relationship to the Applicant: _____

MABA Officer: _____
(Print) (Signature) Date