



The Buddhist Temple of Chicago

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Receiving the Certificate of Appreciation for Henry and Gladys Fujiura are (L to R): Katie Fujiura, Michael McCormack, Maris Fujiura, Emily Fujiura and Glenn Fujiura with Rev. Patti Nakai and Bill Bohlman at the Sept. 3 Sunday service

OPEN HOUSE CHICAGO

Oct 14-15

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



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At the Sept. 24 service, Chef Yasuo Mizuuchi receives the Certificate of Appreciation from Bill Bohlman on behalf of himself and his late wife Etsuko. Also pictured is his daughter Erica Yuen, son Noriyuki and son-in-law Eric Yuen and the grandchildren.



Back to Dharma School

Sati and Oliver kick off the first session of Dharma School for the new school year.



Scheduled activities – subject to change

Weekly services – Sundays 11am - in-person, Facebook Live Oct 1st

Second Sunday Children's Dharma School service – October 8th

Qigong (Chinese exercise) – Tuesdays 11am - in-person only

Sunday Meditation 9:00 – in-person only

Thursday Meditation 7:15pm – Oct 12 Facebook Live, other days FB Live & in-person

Aikido (martial art) – Sundays 3:30pm – in-person only

Asoka Society (social gathering) – 3rd Saturday 1pm – October 21st

The above activities are open to the public and free (donations appreciated).

If you are interested in the two activities below, please leave your contact information and the group will set up an appointment for you to visit them.

Iaido (martial art) – Mondays 7:00pm

Kokyo Taiko (drums) – Friday evenings, Sunday afternoons

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

To the family and friends of
Sadao Harano September 14, 2023

Challenges Ahead by Bill Bohlman, Temple President

As we celebrate the temple's 79th anniversary we are faced with a new set of challenges. For the first time since its founding, the temple does not have a resident minister. What will this mean for BTC?

Although Rev. Patti has retired, she has offered to officiate memorial services when requested and she is available to do so. This generous offer allows us to assure our members that the temple will be able to provide for their needs in such cases. With regard to the regular Sunday services, a plan is also being developed.

Rev. Patti has been working with Bishop Noriaki Ito and others at the North American District Higashi Honganji {NAD} on a plan to assure a ministerial presence during our search for the next resident minister. Under this plan, a remote minister would provide the guidance needed with regard to religious matters, do a live dharma talk at least once a month and write an article for the Bulletin. This minister, although not in the Chicago area, would also be available for consultation. NAD has also made available other ministers for live dharma talks and has made their prerecorded dharma talks available to us. The actual running of the Sunday service will be handled by the lay leaders that Rev. Patti has trained over the past few years.

For the day to day administrative duties, we have hired an office manager who will work part time four days a week. However, we will need volunteers to help one day a week and at times with other tasks that need to be performed. BTC has a long history of the sangha stepping up to help; now more than ever we need that help. It is important that BTC maintain its religious and cultural traditions. It is up to the sangha to maintain these traditions.

Seventy-nine years ago, Rev. Gyomay Kubose and a group of dedicated individuals founded what was then known as the Chicago Buddhist Church. It is because of their hard work and perseverance that we are able to enjoy the wonderful temple we now have. The torch is passed; it is up to us to assure that BTC will continue to be a place where anyone is welcome to hear the dharma. Together we will make this happen. Namu Amida Butsu.

Open House Chicago – Volunteers Needed by Helene Rom, OHC Chairperson

BTC is once again honored to be a part of Open House Chicago (October 14-15) an annual event sponsored by the Chicago Architecture Center. This is a free public festival that offers behind-the-scenes access to over 250 sites across Chicago. Last year we welcomed about 1,000 visitors. We expect similar or larger numbers this year so we really need your help.

I am in the process of recruiting volunteers. Please let me know of your willingness and availability to greet and guide visitors at the temple during that weekend. You may sign up at the temple or contact me. Also please inform anyone you think may be interested in helping out. Thank you very much!



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Events may be canceled or moved:

Check www.facebook.com/budtempchi
for the most up-to-date changes.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00am Meditation 11am Monthly Memorial 3:30pm Aikido	2 Iaido* 7:00pm	3 11am Qi-Gong	4	5 Meditation 7:15pm	6	7
8 9:00am Meditation 11am Dharma School service	9 Iaido* 7:00pm	10 11am Qi-Gong	11	12 Meditation 7:15pm FB only	13 Taiko* 7pm	14 Open House Chicago
15 9:00am Meditation 11am Service Open House Chicago	16 Iaido* 7:00pm	17 11am Qi-Gong	18	19 Meditation 7:15pm	20 Taiko* 7pm	21 1pm Asoka
22 9:00am Meditation 11am Service 3:30pm Aikido	23 Iaido* 7:00pm	24 11am Qi-Gong	25	26 Meditation 7:15pm	27 Taiko* 7pm	28
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*Iaido and Taiko require appointments made in advance