

# BTC Needs Your Help! Three Things You Can Do Now.

## 1. Become A Temple Member or Friend, Consider Extra Donations

The Buddhist Temple of Chicago is one of the oldest Buddhist institutions in Chicago. Unfortunately, the temple is struggling with deficits as our original hard-working, dedicated, generous members pass on.

Please help us maintain this vibrant temple and ensure that it will continue to serve sanghas of today and into the future, both for the brand new, hard-working, dedicated members and for the families of those who have departed.

Membership benefits include a 10% discount at the bookstore and access to various temple services. But the main benefit is that membership guarantees that you will ensure the health and lifeblood of one of only a tiny handful of Jodo Shinshu temples in the Midwest.

If you are not able to join as a Member, please consider joining as a Friend. If you are already a Member or Friend, please consider us for additional donations. Any and all contributions are greatly appreciated.



## 2. Apply For An Exciting New Career In Volunteering!

BTC's weekday coverage team is very short-handed, and with Rev. Ashikaga in Japan, there is no backup at the temple for our Resident Minister, especially when she's sick or out of town. We are recruiting volunteers to cover the temple during the weekday. Don't pass up this opportunity to be of service!

Duties:

- Answer phone and answer questions
- Accept temple deliveries
- Perform clerical and computer work
- Empty wastebaskets
- Tidy and organize temple office
- Do other tasks as needed so that Rev. Patti can focus on dharma talks and education, visit sick sangha members, and conduct memorial services

Qualifications:

- Friendly and polite phone demeanor
- Knowledgeable with Windows computers
- Word and/or Excel proficiency a big plus
- Eagerness to help BTC

Salary & Benefits:

- Bottomless cup of green tea
- Karma points
- Enlightenment (individual results may vary)

To help, see Rev. Patti or Candy Minx, or email Candy at [candyminx@hotmail.com](mailto:candyminx@hotmail.com).

## 3. Reduce Our Bulletin Expenses

To help BTC reduce mailing expenses, we are asking people who don't mind reading the Bulletin on the computer to switch to reading it online. We are investigating a mailing list for the future, so we ask that you provide us with your e-mail address in the meantime. Your information will be kept private, of course. Please send the following to [BTCbuledtr@hotmail.com](mailto:BTCbuledtr@hotmail.com):

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- Your name (households: include all members)
- Your address
- Your email address(es)

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