

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

1. Join the Upaya Volunteer Team!

Ever wonder how the temple food gets on the table? Wondering how you can get more involved and hang out with cool people? Then join us! Upaya, the newest toban (“your turn”) group started by Rev. Patti, could always use more members. Upaya helps out with special projects throughout the year and plans events. But our main duty is to bring refreshments once a month. On that day, we:

- Set up refreshments & make tea
- Set up chairs & tables (if able)
- Help serve the disabled
- Serve and check on refreshments
- Keep main room clean
- Clean kitchen & dishes
- Tear down chairs & tables
- Empty all trash, take out trash

You are not obligated to help every time, of course, but you should get on the mailing list so that you can get the upcoming dates and contribute your ideas to projects. Send an email to Candy Minx at candyminx@hotmail.com and join the team!

2. Apply For An Exciting New Career In Volunteering!

BTC’s weekday coverage team is 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 need non-managerial volunteers to cover the temple during the weekday.

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
- Willing to take direction
- Dependable
- 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.

3. 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.

