



The Buddhist Temple of Chicago

December 2021



Miss mochi-tsuki? Unfortunately this will be the second year without the annual rice cake pounding event. (Photo from 2012)

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Rev. Patti Nakai

No Minister's message this month, but please note this announcement:

Eastern Buddhist League conference for 2022 will be held VIRTUALLY the weekend of February 12-13. Instead of our usual Sunday service, we will show the EBL service to those who come to the temple.



Scheduled activities – subject to change

Weekly services – Sundays 11am - in-person, Facebook Live only December 5 and 19

Second Sunday Children's Dharma School service – on Zoom, no in-person classes

Qigong (Chinese exercise) – Tuesdays 11am - online Zoom and in-person

Iaido (martial art) – Mondays 6:30pm – in-person only

Thursday Meditation 7:15pm – on Facebook Live only

Sunday Meditation 9:30am – in-person only

Aikido (martial art) – Sundays 3-5pm – in-person only

Kokyo Taiko (drums) – Friday evenings, Sunday afternoons

Asoka Society (social gathering) – Saturday December 18 at 1pm

Everyone is invited for fun and refreshments (no meetings until March)

For more information, see our website or contact BTC



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In Deepest Sympathy

to the families of:

Atsuko Nakayama	August 1, 2021
Kiyoshi Sawada	October 20, 2021
Kimiko Plackmann	October 23, 2021
Mutsuo Fukuya	October 26, 2021



2022 Officer Elections By Bill Bohlman, BTC President

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As we return to some semblance of normal we hope to have our general membership meeting the last Sunday of January 2022. Due to the cancellation of last year's meeting the terms of the elected board of directors officers were extended for one year. It is our hope that the election will be held at the upcoming general membership meeting. If conditions do not allow for a meeting, other methods of holding the election will be explored.

The positions to be voted upon are President, VP Religious Affairs, Treasurer, Auditor, VP Temple Relations, and VP Membership. The position of Corporate Secretary, a board appointed position, is also available. Any temple member in good standing for the previous two years is eligible to run for election. These positions are not ceremonial; they involve actual commitment and work. Anyone interested in running for any of these positions should contact the current board member to learn the specific duties. We are also in need of a recording secretary to take the minutes of board meetings; this also is a board assigned position. In addition, there are member at large positions available on the board of directors.

Rev. Patti Nakai has informed the board that she intends to step down as resident minister in 2023. Throughout our history, BTC has been privileged to have a steady stream of outstanding ministers available to us. Now we must look outside to find our next minister. This ministerial search is the most important item facing the next board of directors. In conjunction with a Sangha directed committee the board will face a significant amount of work. It is important that anyone committing to being on the board is ready and willing to do the work needed to deal with this issue.

The actions of the next board of directors will determine the future of BTC. We find ourselves at a critical time in our history. Together as a board and a Sangha we can make BTC a place to hear the teachings for many years to come.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

To be eligible to vote in the January 2022 election,
you must be a paid member for the year **2021**
as of December 31, 2021.



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December 2021 Calendar		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	2 Facebook Live Meditation 7:15pm	3 Taiko 7pm	4
5 9:30am Meditation 11am Monthly Memorial 3pm Aikido	6 Iaido 6:30pm	7 11am Qi-Gong	8	9 Facebook Live Meditation 7:15pm	10 Taiko 7pm	11
12 9:30am Meditation 11am Dharma School Service 3pm Aikido	13 Iaido 6:30pm	14 11am Qi-Gong	15	16 Facebook Live Meditation 7:15pm	17 Taiko 7pm	18 1:00pm Asoka meeting
19 9:30am Meditation 11am Bodhi Day 3pm Aikido	20 Iaido 6:30pm	21 11am Qi-Gong	22	23	24	25
26 9:30am Meditation 11am Regular Service 12:30 Board Meeting 3pm Aikido	27	28	29	30	31	