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# Global Buddhist Worship Association of USA

## Brief Introduction

On 2009, Global Buddhist Worship Association of USA (hereinafter Association) was established by Ven. Miao Guo (also known as Ven. Yuan Hsian). To teach and spread the truth of life and universe through the healing power of Ksitigarbha Bodhisattva and the great compassion of Avalokiteshvara Bodhisattva.

Since its establishment in the United States in 2013, the Association has been instrumental in facilitating the study and teaching of Buddhism through daily religious services and purification, publication of Buddhist periodicals and materials in addition to providing public welfare services and rendering assistance to all who are in need of spiritual guidance or help with daily life problems.



On a continuing basis, the Association strives to build and maintain a positive image for the growing Chinese community not only in the Portland, but also in the surrounding areas as well by sowing the seeds of mindfulness and compassion, two of the most fundamental elements and the very essence of Buddhism. We are committed to utilize our knowledge and experience along with all our available resources to instill mindfulness and compassion through daily teaching and reciting of the Buddha's mantra,

and various other aspects of Zen practicing. Our teaching focuses on the Four Noble Truths, the Eightfold Path, and other basic Buddhist philosophies aimed to help all believers, as well as non-believers, find happiness, achieve enlightenment and liberation from suffering.

The Association is open to all who seek advice, guidance and counseling during their journey along the Buddhist spiritual path to transformation and healing. In order for the Masters to be able to provide members with the most effective, timely and accessible services, in addition to the ability to observe certain traditional daily rituals as described below, engaged in the Buddhist activities (regular and special), it is at Chu Lin Zen Temple: 8331 SE Woodstock Blvd. Portland, OR 97266.

Since 2015 to 2016, rebuild the Temple to enough room for more members coming services, also for veneration of deceased ancestors on special occasions.







Following is the schedule for weekend services occurring every Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday:

2:00-5:00 PM Chanting "The Great Diamond Prajan Treasure Sutra" and Mantra

Sunday:

9:30-12:00 AM Worship and Pray "The Buddha Spoke the Amitabha Sutra"

12:00-1:20 PM Lunch break and resting

1:30-4:00 PM Chanting "The Original Vows of Ksitigarbha Bodhisattva Sutra" and Mantra

Recitation of a series of important Buddhist scriptures is performed during these extended weekend services followed by hour-long meditation and teaching of Buddhist Dharma and philosophy. These lectures often serve as clarification and cultivation of key Buddhist virtues, such as kindness, humility, patience, giving, and last but not least, compassion toward others.

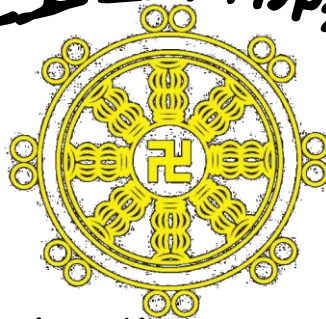
The weekend services are followed by group activities including meal preparation and sharing of vegetarian dishes. Other related duties are shared by all participants. A stronger sense of community and solidarity is built through these weekly activities. New members and visitors are always welcome.

Members of this Buddhist community routinely assist each other in various matters including transportation and other daily needs. Voluntary language tutoring is also provided to those whose English is a second language.



**All beings possess the Buddha nature.**

眾生皆有佛性



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