



Mountain View Buddhist Temple

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January 2021

Dear MVBT Sangha:

Happy New Year! We hope this letter finds your family healthy and safe.

2020 was a challenging year for everyone including MVBT. We learned a great deal this year about the resilience of our Temple and Sangha. Our goal was to stay “Connected to our Sangha” and it has been amazing to see how far we have come in a short time. We quickly adapted to a virtual environment and through the dedication of many individuals, we were able to bring our traditions into your home. In 2021 we will continue to work to improve your experience with the Temple and its programs.

Last year the Temple’s Vision Committee held workshops to obtain input from the Sangha about the future of the Temple. Several good ideas and suggestions emerged including the need to **broaden our Membership categories to better meet the needs of our diverse Sangha, especially the younger generation.**

The Temple’s Board approved the addition of membership categories to include young adults and community people. They also approved categories for Sustaining Family and Sustaining Individual. These categories provide additional funds to help sustain our Temple. If you are able to join the Sustaining categories, we hope you will do so.

Enclosed is the list of the new and current membership categories. Review the list and determine which category is best representative of you and (if appropriate) your family. Please return the attached membership form with your prompt payment in support of our monthly expenses.

Remember, membership isn’t just about saying you belong to a community. It’s about investing in the place you love, a community that feels like home both physically and spiritually. As a member of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, you will be a part of a supportive family, connected group of friends, and vibrant Buddhist community. Review the benefits to membership to the MVBT in the attachment.

If you have any questions about membership or the new categories, please send an email to membership@mvbuddhisttemple.org.

With gassho,

Doug Sawamura
President
2019-2021

Bob Matsumoto
President
2021-2023



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MVBT Membership Categories beginning January 1, 2021

The members (Sangha) of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple are its life blood. To encourage Temple membership and participation, the Board of Directors has approved new membership categories to meet the needs of anyone who would like to be a part of the Sangha. Below are the descriptions of the new membership categories. Note: A portion of your dues is allocated to the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA).

Sustaining Family

- Definition: 2 adults in a household that may include children under the age of 26
- Benefits: Full Temple benefits
- Annual Dues: \$1,000. Note: The additional funds to help sustain MVBT

Family

- Definition: 2 adults in a household that may include children under the age of 26
- Benefits: Full Temple benefits
- Annual Dues: \$600

Sustaining Individual

- Definition: 1 adult in a household that may include children under the age of 26
- Benefits: Full Temple benefits
- Annual Dues: \$500. Note: The additional funds to help sustain MVBT

Individual

- Definition: 1 adult in a household that may include children under the age of 26
- Benefits: Full Temple benefits
- Annual Dues: \$300

Associate Individual

- Definition: 1 adult between the ages of 26-35
- Benefits: Full Temple benefits
- Annual Dues: \$150

Young Adult Individual

- Definition: 1 adult between the ages of 18-25 or full-time student
- Limited Benefits: Access to MVBT affiliate organization. No facility rental privileges
- Annual Dues: \$25

Community Individual

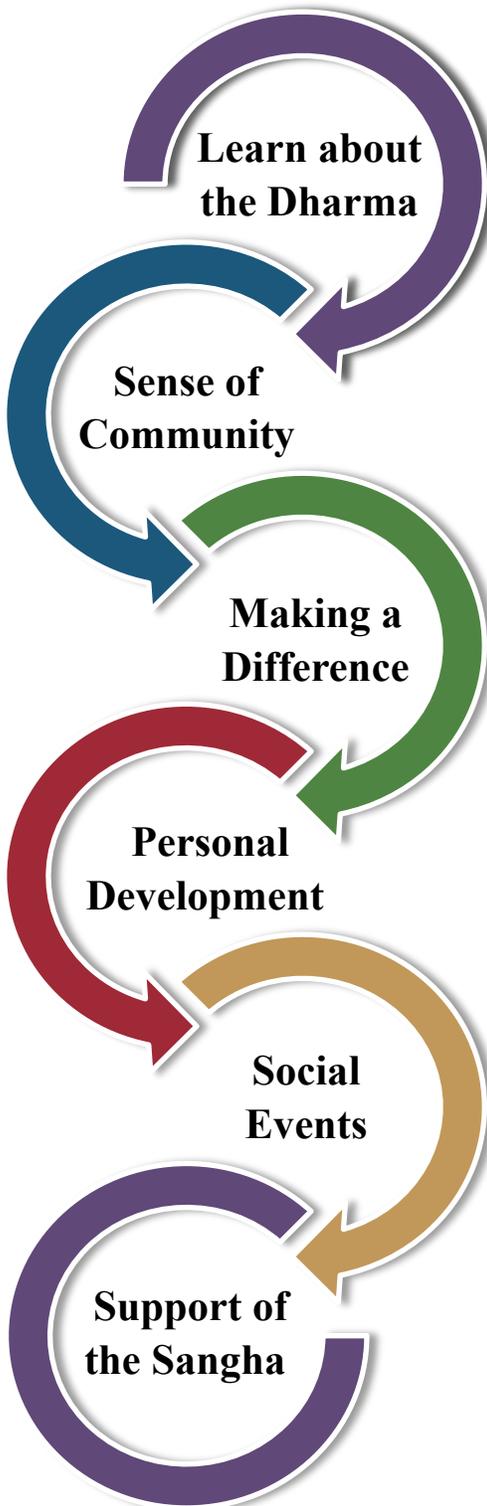
- Definition: 1 adult with limited Temple benefits
- Limited Benefits: Access to MVBT affiliated organization. No privileges to zone membership, facility rentals, nokotsudo or funeral (sodan) arrangements
- Annual Dues: \$120



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Mountain View Buddhist Temple Member Benefits



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- ❑ Learn about Jodo Shinshu Buddhism through Dharma services, Buddhist discussion groups, workshops, special services, and cultural activities.

- ❑ Attend BCA seminars, classes, and activities.

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- ❑ Enjoy the camaraderie of the Sangha through our affiliated organizations and Temple activities.

- ❑ Stay connected with the Echo newsletter, Putra's Post emails, and your zone chair.

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- ❑ Dana projects that give back to our local community

- ❑ Workshops on an engaged Sangha that support an understanding of our diverse community.

- ❑ Keiro Kai an event to honor our senior members.

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- ❑ Receive personal guidance with the resident minister.

- ❑ Learn the practice of chanting.

- ❑ Learn how to incorporate the Buddhist teaching.

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- ❑ Participate in activities and trips with or without a focus on Buddhism.

- ❑ Examples include Obon, Hanamatsuri, Mochitsuki, Hanamatsuri, sporting events, dances, theater, and more.

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- ❑ Assistance for our Sodan committee in funeral planning.

- ❑ A Nokotsudo (columbarium) maintained in the Jodo Shinshu traditions by the temple.

- ❑ Discounted facility rental rates.
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Mountain View Buddhist Temple Member Form New Renew

To fill out this form electronically and pay online go to www.mvbuddhisttemple.org and select Join/Renew or scan this QR Code.



Member Household Information

Home Address			
City, State		Zip	
Primary Phone			

Adult #1 Information

First	Middle	Last	
Other Names		Birth Date	
eMail		Cell Phone	
Occupation/Employer/School			

Adult #2 Information

First	Middle	Last	
Other Names		Birth Date	
eMail		Cell Phone	
Occupation/Employer/School			

Children Information

	First	Middle	Last	
Child #1				
eMail			Birth Date	
Child #2				
eMail			Birth Date	
Child #3				
eMail			Birth Date	

Household Emergency Contact(s)

In the event of an emergency, the adult members of this household will be the first contact in an emergency. Please provide the contact information for least one other adult outside of your household who can serve as an emergency contact. (Full Name, Relationship, Cell Phone)

Name	Relationship	Cell Phone



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Membership Level and Payment Details

SELECT YOUR Membership Level	Description	Annual Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Family	2 adults in a household that may include children under the age of 26 The additional funds to help sustain MVBT	\$1000
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	2 adults in a household that may include children under the age of 26	\$600
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Individual	1 adult in a household that may include children under the age of 26 The additional funds to help sustain MVBT	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	1 adult in a household that may include children under the age of 26	\$300
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate Individual	1 adult between the ages of 26-35	\$150
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Individual	1 adult with limited Temple benefits	\$120
<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult Individual	1 adult between the ages of 18-25 or full-time student	\$25
Additional Donation		\$
Total Due		\$

Payment Schedule:

Annual (Jan) Semi-Annually (Jan/Jun) Quarterly (Jan/Apr/Jul/Oct)

We appreciate your prompt return of this form and payment in the enclosed pink envelope to:

MV Buddhist Temple 575 N. Shoreline Boulevard Mountain View, CA 94043

If you have questions please contact the membership committee at membership@mvbuddhisttemple.org. If you need financial assistance, please contact the membership committee or Reverend Mukojima at reverend@mvbuddhisttemple.org.

Communications (Read the MVBT Privacy Policy at sangha.mvbuddhisttemple.org/security/)

Echo & Putra's Post: Each adult email will automatically be signed up for the Echo (monthly temple newsletter) and Putra's Post (email of upcoming events).

Would you like a paper copy of the Echo? Yes No

MVBT Directory: Your name, address, primary phone, email, & cell phone will be included in the Mountain View Buddhist Temple Directory. Select items below to **exclude** from the directory.

Address Primary Phone Cell Phone eMail

Thank you for your membership and support of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple!

Temple Use Only	Received by:	Reverend	Zone Chair	Membership
	Date Received:	Check #:	Sales Force/Echo/PP	