

20th Anniversary Celebration Retreat Invitation

The Center will hold its 20th Anniversary in May 2023, and will have a celebration retreat from May 26 (Friday) through 28 (Sunday), which will include a two-day Thrice Yearning Ceremony. We have respectfully invited Venerable Wu Shing to be the retreat hosting master. He will be joined by some accompanying venerables.

We cordially invite all friends to participate in this special event. We hope that through the retreat and the Thrice Yearning Ceremony, we will be able to purify our minds as well as positively influence those of others so that together we can lessen the disasters in the world.

Retreat Agenda	
5 / 25 (Thursday)	Venerables & Remote Participants Arrival & Lodging Check-in
5 / 26 (Friday)	Morning – Half-day Tour at Suburban Chicago for Already Checked-in Participants; Cantigny Park Retreat Participants Check-in (5:00pm) Welcome Dinner (5:30pm) Q&A with Hosting Venerable (7:00pm) Retreat Setup (8:30pm)
5 / 27&28 (Saturday , Sunday)	Thrice Yearning Ceremony (2 days); detailed agenda at the end
5 / 29 (Monday)	One-day Chicago City Tour
5 / 30 (Tuesday)	Transportation to airport

Important Notes

1. Due to legal capacity limitations, we can only accept 100 participants to join the retreat. We highly encourage those who are interested to register as early as possible. After registration, if you realize that you won't be able to attend, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can accept interested others to join.
2. Except for the hotel booking and Merit Dedication Application, all activities must be selected at the registration time. The below dates are reminders to the interested participants not to miss the deadlines. Please select all interested activities when filling out your registration. Once submitted, it cannot be changed. **If you do need to change, please contact the center directly via email.**

Registration Deadlines	
4 / 25 (Tue)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participants who need airport transportation, must register no later than 4/25/2023. Also, please read the special attention right after this table. 2. Participants who require lodging must book the hotel rooms no later than 4/25/2023; this is the last day to have special rates with Best Western Naperville Inn. Please use the link provided below the table to book your rooms.
5 / 03 (Wed)	Participants who want to have lunch and dinner meals during the retreat days must register by 5/3/2023.
5 / 15 (Mon)	Participants who want to join only the retreat ceremonies please register by 5/15/2023.
4/3 (Mon) – 5 / 19 (Fri)	Website Merit Dedication Form submission starts on 4/3/2023 and no later than 5/19/2023. Please use the below link to apply.

3. Retreat Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/9L6ex7i38aRRbnCo7>
4. Best Western Inn Naperville Special Rate Booking Link: https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.14164.html?groupId=9S6WH0F7
5. Merit Dedication Application Link: <https://www.amitabhalibrary.org/admin/PaiWei/paiweiWrapper.php?l=e>
6. For those who will fly in, we can only arrange transportation from the Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD). When you arrive, please wait in the baggage claim area for pick up. Please provide flight details on the registration form.
7. Please arrive between 11:00am and 4:00pm on May 26 to work with the hotel check-in and the welcome dinner schedules.
8. If you must arrive during another timeframe, please contact Co-director Bert Tan before booking the flight to discuss by email: library@amitabhalibrary.org.
9. We ask that the participants pay for their lodging.
The center has arranged for special rates with Best Western Naperville Inn for this event. The rates, including continental breakfast, are: US \$94.99 per double-room per night; \$89.99 per single-room per night, plus tariff. Participants must book the rooms no later than April 25, 2023 to receive the above rates. Please use the booking link provided above or call at (630)-505-0200 to book your rooms, by identifying the Pure Land Center special rates. In case you need to cancel after booking, please cancel no later than May 11, 2023 to avoid penalty.
10. The one-day Chicago City tour (including lunch) is self-paid. Tour participants will have the option to take a 30-minute Lake Michigan Sightseeing Cruise. Interested participants please send email to library@amitabhalibrary.org; a coordinating volunteer will contact you. If the interested individuals number is less than twenty, we will not arrange this activity.
11. Except for the lodging and the one-day Chicago City Tour, the Center will provide meals and local transportation during the retreat. Donations are always warmly welcome.
12. Contacts: Chifang Duong – (630) 721-1130; L.H.Wong – (630) 430-3322; Peter Yang – (312) 907-1652

五月二十七、二十八日: 三時繫念佛事法會日程表
5/27&28 (Sat & Sun): Thrice Yearning Ceremony Agenda

09:30 – 10:45	佛堂早課	Morning Session
10:45 – 11:50	午 供	Meal Offering to Buddha
12:00 – 12:50	午 齋	Break – lunch
12:55 – 13:25	皈依典禮	Ceremony of Taking the Three Refuges
13:40 – 15:50	第 一 時	Thrice Yearning – First Section
15:50 – 16:20	休 息	Break
16:20 – 17:50	第 二 時	Thrice Yearning – Second Section
17:50 – 18:20	休 息	Break
18:20 – 20:00	第 三 時	Thrice Yearning – Third Section
20:00 – 20:50	藥 石	Break – dinner
20:50 – 22:30	收拾場地	Cleanup