



HONGWANJI BUDDHIST MISSION OF AUSTRALIA

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Membership

Thank you for your consideration to join HBMA membership/Supporter. For those who are thinking about joining HBMA as a new member, please read all the way through this letter. We hope you decide to become a part of our community as either a "PLEDGE MEMBER" or "SUPPORT MEMBER", and send the application form with a signed pledge and cheque or money order back to the HBMA office or you may deposit directly to our Westpac bank account 032-197 48-1501, account name; Hongwanji Buddhist Mission of Australia.

Option 1 – MEMBER (Pledge Membership)

Instead of asking members to contribute a fixed amount, it would be more flexible if members decide the amount of their own contributions. This is called 'pledging'. When people become a member, they are asked to give serious thought to how much they would like to contribute and then sign a 'pledge' to contribute that amount by posting a cheque every month or sending a cheque once a year as a lump sum. The usual way that people decide how much to pledge is by calculating the amount based on a percentage of their income. Some churches expect members to contribute 5% of their income on a monthly basis but it is more common for people to contribute something like 2%. When you have decided, please write the monthly amount in dollars. This indicates that this is the amount you will contribute every month and that we can depend on your support in that way for the coming twelve months, so that we can configure our plans and budgets based on the monthly pledged contribution of members.

Members review their pledge every year. We hope you choose to take up this option because it enables members to contribute on the basis of their financial capacity. Average of membership of the previous year was around \$250. Pledge membership entitles you to full membership, which includes entitlement to attend every service at HBMA, to receive monthly Bulletin (either by mail or E-mail) and vote at the AGM in May each year. We will also inform you of your deceased family member's memorial service in the bulletin.

[**Joining Fee**] - We have an initial membership charge of \$10 per person/family. This is a one-off joining fee and the amount members pledge will be additional. From the second year members need only contribute their pledge amount.

Option 2 - Support Member

Those who do not wish to pledge and become full members of HBMA but would like to continue receiving the BULLETIN and attend HBMA services on a casual basis only need to send us a cheque once a year for \$36. Of course, an additional donation would also be greatly appreciated.

-PLEDGE--- Name (Rev / Dr / Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms) _____
Address _____ Phone # _____

- Yes, I'll extend my HBMA MEMBER status for another year. Yes, I'd like to become a new MEMBER.
- Monthly/Annual Pledge \$ _____ or \$72/Year (Min) + (for new member \$10 joining fee)
- I have New Shotsuki Memorial service name(s) and will provide the information to HBMA.
- I'd like to continue my SUPPORTER MEMBER. I'd like to join as a new SUPPORTER MEMBER
- Annual pledge amount \$ _____ or \$36 (Min) + (for new member \$10 joining fee)
- Please send Bulletin via e-mail. My e-mail address is _____
- I wish to contribute \$ _____ towards Building Fund

Total amount enclosed \$ _____ Date ____/____/____