



# ANNUAL REPORT

FINANCIAL YEAR 2020

**BW MONASTERY**

**吉祥宝聚寺**





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# ABOUT US

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BW Monastery, previously known as Bliss and Wisdom Society, was set up on 26 July 2002. It was then registered under the Charities Act on 1 April 2003, and renamed to BW Monastery in 2014.

BW Monastery works towards combining Buddhism and living, in order to elevate human lives and spiritual minds, establish positive and active living, and to build happy families and harmonious social relationships.

In order to achieve the above, we focus on the following four core principles:

- 1) Propagate Buddhist education for spiritual advancement
- 2) Promote cultural education
- 3) Care for the community
- 4) Compassionate service

With these four core principles as a foundation, BW Monastery will continue its efforts on Buddhism and Dharma propagation, contribute towards our country's nation building and social cohesiveness, and a strong emphasis on promoting and preserving traditional culture.

UEN Number: T02SS0119L

Charities Registration Number: 1674

Registered Address: 1 Woodlands Drive 16 Singapore 737764

Banker: United Overseas Bank Limited

Auditor: HLB Atrede LLP

Legal Advisor: Sng & Company

# VISION & MISSION

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## Vision

- Propagate Buddhist education for spiritual advancement.
- Promote cultural education and character-cultivation.
- Serve the community, and advocate strong moral values for a peaceful society, so as to strive towards a robust and wholesome environment for all.

## Mission

To combine Buddhism and living in order to elevate human lives and spiritual minds, establish positive and active living and to build happy families and harmonious social relationships.

## Our Logo

BW Monastery logo represents a passionate engaged spirit of enlightenment (Bodhicitta), shining on all sentient beings to provide them with brightness and wisdom like a precious torch.

Like petals of a lotus flower, each pair of petals is shaped as the symbol of infinity. They represent the eternal gaze and companionship of our compassionate Buddhas and Bodhisattvas, and their unwavering steadfastness to rescue all sentient beings. Red colour represents the radiating passion and warm feelings.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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2020 has been an unusual and difficult year because of the Pandemic. We have decided to take very cautious approach at the beginning and we stopped all mass activities and major events in early February before the implementation of Circuit Breaker.

The Circuit Breaker has disrupted many of our activities, including our weekly Dharma classes. Nevertheless, I am glad that despite the challenges, we stayed focused on our mission to propagate the Dharma. We decided to move all our learning online via Zoom to ensure that the learning of Dharma is not disrupted for all our students, including the classes for our elder members.



In the coming year, we will keep to our mission and hope to bring the Buddha's teaching to more people, in particular the younger ones. Our Care Department will provide care and support for our members and students while our Community Care Department will continue to provide help to the needy families of Admiralty and Sembawang community.

## **Thank You**

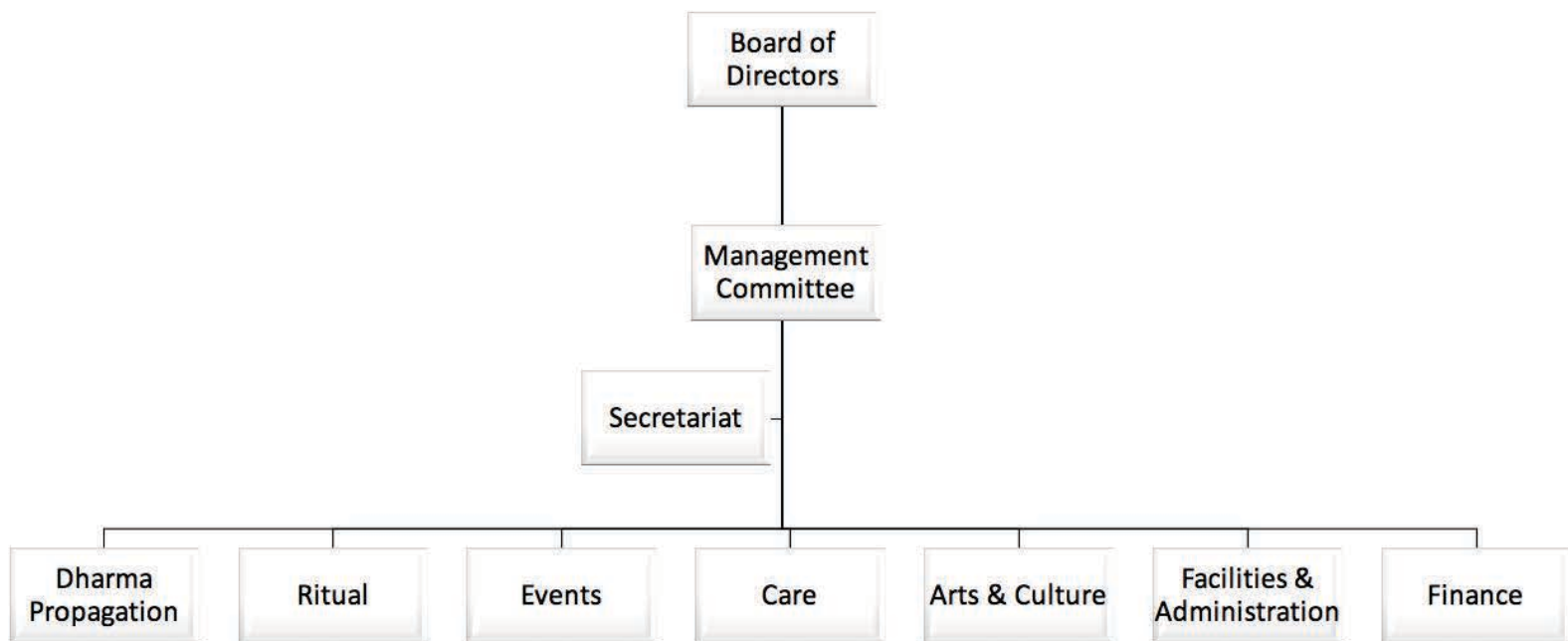
Despite the restriction on the opening of the main shrine hall, we managed to bring in some online donations. Together with the generous support of the Government under the Job Support Scheme, we are able to balance our income and expenditure. We truly thankful to the government, as well as all the donors, students and devotees who continued to support us during this period.

Shi Ben Wen  
President  
BW Monastery

# LEADERSHIP

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BW Monastery is governed by a board, which is responsible for overseeing and managing the administration of the charity. The management committee is appointed and reports to the board to implement the goals and objectives; as well as provides leadership towards the achievement of mission and goals and executes and oversees the operations of the charity. The management committee is further structured and organized according to our functional requirements of Finance, Dharma propagation, Events, Care, Ritual, Facilities and Administration, Arts and Culture.



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Name	Current Board Appointment	Occupation	Past Board Appointments
Tan Gek Lian	President, 17 Apr 2019	Monk	President, 6 Apr 2018
Dai Heong	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President, 17 Apr 2019	Monk	Vice President, 6 Apr 2018
Teo Seng	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President, 17 Apr 2019	Director, Beauty Trend (S) Pte Ltd	Board Member, 21 Dec 2016
Hsu Chong Tien	Secretary, 17 Apr 2019	Director, Able Construction Pte Ltd	Assistant Treasurer, 21 Dec 2016 Assistant Treasurer, 28 Mar 2015
Gan Jia Hwa	1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant Secretary, 17 Apr 2019	Homemaker	NIL
Tay Siew Yee	2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant Secretary, 17 Apr 2019	Homemaker	Assistant Secretary, 21 Dec 2016 Board Member, 28 Mar 2015 Assistant Treasurer, 30 Mar 2013,
Chia Sze Tong	Treasurer, 17 Apr 2019	Sales & Marketing General Manager, Sharp Singapore Electronics Corporation Pte Ltd	NIL
Ong Woo Teng	1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant Treasurer, 17 Apr 2019	Retiree	NIL
Phoon Jia Qi	2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant Treasurer, 17 Apr 2019	Accounts Executive, SF Food and Beverage Pte Ltd	NIL
Tan Ah Hee	General Affairs Officer, 17 Apr 2019	Senior Instructor	Assistant General Affairs Officer, 21 Dec 2016
Hoe Swee Long	Assistant General Affairs Officer, 17 Apr 2019	IT Manager, Ese Industries (S) Pte Ltd	NIL
Ho See Kwee	Board Member, 17 Apr 2019	Associate Marketing Director, Propnex Realty Pte Ltd	Treasurer, 21 Dec 2016 Treasurer, 28 Mar 2015
Lim Tiong Boon	Board Member, 17 Apr 2019	Sole Proprietor	Secretary, 21 Dec 2016 Secretary, 28 Mar 2015 Assistant Secretary, 30 Mar 2013
Chong Kim Chuan, Alvin	Board Member, 17 Apr 2019	Management Accountant, New Toyo International Holdings Ltd	NIL



# MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Name	Current Management Committee Appointment
Lim Jue Meng	CEO, 1 Jan 2019
Oh Kheng Hoe	Deputy CEO, 16 Mar 2018
Quek Swee Ken	Deputy CEO, 16 Mar 2018
Lim Peng Ching	Deputy CEO, 16 Mar 2018
Jereme Wong Jong Siang	Deputy CEO, 16 Mar 2018





# SANGHA COMMUNITY

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**Abbot**

Venerable Shi Jing Yuan

**President**

Venerable Shi Ben Wen

**Resident Monk**

Venerable Shi Ben Si

**Resident Monk**

Venerable Shi Ru Quan

**Resident Monk**

Venerable Shi Dao Ci

**Resident Monk**

Venerable Shi Yuan Man

**Resident Monk**

Venerable Shi Hui Deng



# NUNNERY

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**Nun**

Venerable Shi Zu Guang

**Nun**

Venerable Shi Zu Hong

**Nun**

Venerable Shi Zu Sheng

**Nun**

Venerable Shi Zu Dao

**Nun**

Venerable Shi Jian Xin

**Nun**

Venerable Shi Zheng Yuan

**Nun**

Venerable Shi Jue Xing



# TEAM OF LECTURERS

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## Senior Lecturer

Mr Tan Tong Eng

## Lecturers

Mr Boon Chuan Bok

Mr Lim Tiong Boon

Mr Daren Ong Yeok Chye

Ms Tan Ah Lui

Ms Low Gek Khim

Ms Ang Sooi Un

Ms Lin Hui Lin

Ms Koh Lee Yong

Dr Pua Hwee Leng

Ms Goh Yi Mei, Jennifer

Ms Peh May Lan

Ms Hazel Tan

Ms Chua Sway Lui

Ms Chou Yun Lung

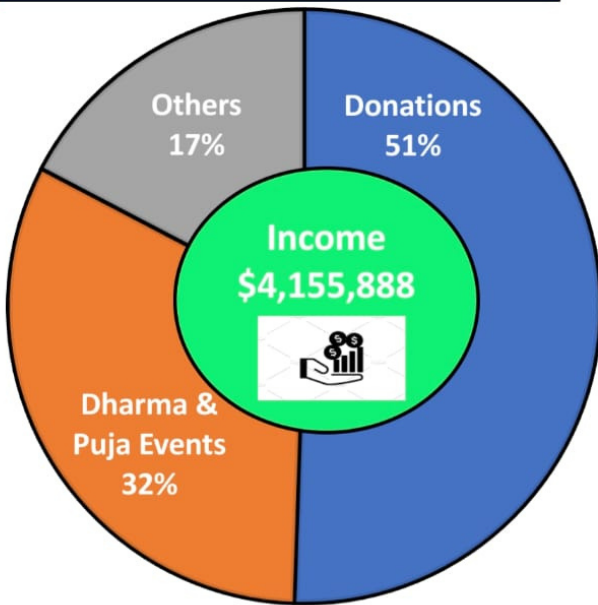
Ms Glenda Tan Gweek Cheng

Ms Ng Choon Lan

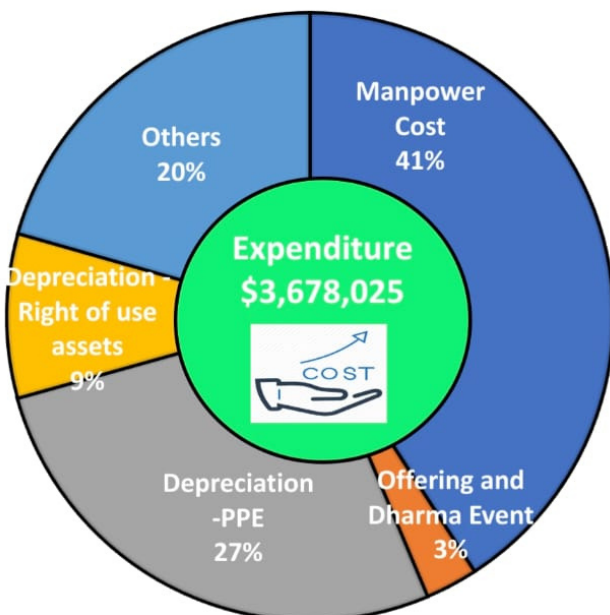


# HIGHLIGHTS OF 2020

## Summary Financial Performance



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# PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

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We have an array of programs and activities catered to devotees of different age groups and needs (e.g.: language medium). That said, many of our programmes and activities appeal to devotees of different ages too. For 2020, due to the covid-19 situation across the world and within our nation, our programmes and activities had to be shifted online.

## **Dharma Propagation**

- Enrichment Classes
- Buddha Statue Consecration Ceremony
- Emperor Liang Repentance Puja
- Ullambana Grand Puja
- Master Remembrance Day
- Mass Prayer Group (MPG)

## **Youth Engagement**

- "Oh My Buddha!" Video Series
- Exam Puja
- Popi Popi Light Up 2021

## **Children/Family Engagement**

- CNY Brilliance 2020
- Mothers' Day
- Heartwarming Fathers' Day
- Auspicious Double Happiness
- Lumiere Moon Fest

# 2020 AT A GLANCE

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**178** Dharma  
Study Classes



Benefited  
**4134** Dharma Students



Held a total of  
**280**  
Pujas + Events



Total of  
**184,170**  
attendees





*JANUARY*

# BUDDHA STATUE CONSECRATION CEREMONY

BW Monastery's Grand Consecration Ceremony took place on 4 January 2020 with the shrine hall filled to the brim. Abbot Jing Yuan led the Sangha and laities in this grand puja ceremony, where all Buddhas and Bodhisattvas were invited to be present, with the Buddhas of the ten directions possessing the complete Mahayana collections of the three bodies of the "Dharmakāya", the "Saṃbhogakāya" and "Nirmāṇakāya" of the fully enlightened. Through this puja, everyone supplicated for blessings of bliss and wisdom to accelerate their spiritual cultivation, as well as to receive Buddha's teachings life after life in order to benefit all sentient beings. It was definitely a joyous day for all present as they basked in auspicious moments before the Buddhas and Bodhisattvas. We saw a total of 1049 participants for this auspicious ceremony!





*JANUARY*

# 2020 CNY BRILLIANCE

This year, Chinese New Year (CNY) Brilliance attracted more than 1,000 devotees and members of the public on CNY's eve, as they ushered in the year of the Rat with dazzling lanterns, live performances, and auspicious music. Together with Member of Parliament (MP) for Sembawang GRC, Mr Vikram Nair, who graced the event alongside with his wife, Abbot Jing Yuan and the Sangha led the participants to sow seeds of compassionate actions, speech, and thoughts. Welcoming the new year, Abbot Jing Yuan and the Sangha supplicated for world peace and less suffering and calamities in the world, prosperity of Singapore as a country, and the continued growth of Buddhism teachings. The event was conducted over the course of 8 sessions, with 7099 participants in total.







*MARCH - APRIL*

# EMPEROR LIANG REPENTANCE PUJA

The Emperor Liang Jeweled Repentance prayer encouraged fellow participants to confess and repent on their wrongdoings, and practice the ten virtuous acts while developing conviction on karma and its effects. Through the online prayers sessions conducted, participants made various offerings, accumulated vast merits and reinforced their filial piety to their parents. For the living, this prayer is also known to be able to “resolve issues with 9 generations of karmic creditors, help parents of 7 lifetimes, and plant 3 lifetimes of merits and resources”. Not only does the practice of The Emperor Liang Jeweled Repentance prayer benefit our ancestors, it helps us to gain incredible merits and benefits at the same time. We saw a combine of 12,386 participants across 9 sessions.





# MAY VESAK DAY

Vesak Day 2020 was special as BW Monastery's Sangha led all online participants in a virtual Buddha bathing session conducted over Facebook Live. In line with the government's precautionary measures to minimise the risk of further transmission of COVID-19, BW Monastery replaced the physical bathing pool with a virtual one to still allow devotees the chance to visualise bathing of Buddha from home, and offered the opportunity for them to commemorate the Three Jewels, continue their virtuous practice, and gain bountiful merits during the Circuit Breaker measures. 2483 devotees joined us for this auspicious day.

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### 佛寺推出“线上浴佛” 疫情无阻信徒庆卫塞节

许翔宇 报道  
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我国多所寺院的大雄神天成为“直播军”，为受病毒阻挠信徒影响必须待在家中的佛教徒提供线上节目，让他们远程参与浴佛和祈福仪式。庆祝卫塞节，吉祥安寮寺在冠状病毒蔓延前已开始发展线上学习和主持会议的系統。佛天庆寺院也在直播浴佛法会。发言人说：“疫情期间线上卫塞节更显得重要，佛教徒可借此祈福，带给家人及社会正能量。”

卫塞节是佛教纪念释迦牟尼佛诞生、成道及涅槃的日子。鉴于新冠病毒，本地多所佛寺于今，今年将庆祝庆祝活动转到线上。

过去20多年，家庭主妇陈宝全（59岁）每逢卫塞节都会回新加坡佛光山参与浴佛和浴佛法会。今年她一直坚持不让新冠病毒影响她进行浴佛仪式的决心。

陈宝全说，她小女儿说，她萌生在家浴佛的想法。在佛光山山行，她带着一些熟悉太多佛像回家，每天就在家中看佛光山浴佛法会直播，边感本愿沐佛恩，洗净心灵。

她说：“在净风进行仪式，自然就有气氛，但在家中浴佛，也有仪式感。浴佛主要为了净化心灵，过程中，我们发愿做好事，说好话，存好心。”

不少佛光山信众每天改用台湾佛光山推出的“云端浴佛”应用，按自己的日程，随时在手机和电脑上直播浴佛法会。

吉祥安寮寺的正副神天成为“直播军”，让在家中的佛教信徒能在线上参与浴佛法会，庆祝卫塞节。图中的大雄宝殿正线上直播浴佛的信徒和寺院职员。（李冠宏/星洲）

新加坡佛教总会昨天首次直播线上卫塞节活动。佛总会长广品法师说：“佛教没有固定形式，仪式可因环境而不同，最重要的是持有恭敬的心，藉由身、口、意去实践佛法。”

李冠宏总编昨天在佛光山撰写。



一个特别的人，应收到特别的待遇...

母亲节5天百人诵经

# MOTHER'S DAY MASS CHANTING

10/5/2020 (Sun) - 14/5/2020 (Thurs)  
10 am - 10:45 am



*MAY / JUNE*

## MOTHERS' DAY + FATHERS' DAY

Without our parents, we would not exist. In 2020, there was an array of activities for our devotees to show their gratitude and appreciation to their parents.

For Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day, we organised Mass Chanting to recite sutra, with the intent to seek blessings for our parents, and for calamities to be averted. The Omni Youths also organised a Fathers' Day Pancake Challenge whereby the youths prepared their very own pancakes for their fathers.

There is no better way to celebrate these two special days than to pray for the health and happiness of our parents. We saw a total of 5275 participants over 5 sessions of mass chanting for Mothers' Day, and 7944 participants for our Fathers' Day activities.



# 吉祥双庆特辑

AUSPICIOUS DOUBLE CELEBRATIONS EDITION

20.8.2020 THU, 8pm-9pm



吉祥宝聚寺  
BW MONASTERY

RISE & BE TRIUMPHANT

赞胜一切  
颂出正能量

Arts & Culture Dept presents  
吉祥宝聚寺文化艺术呈献

LIVE

AUGUST

## AUSPICIOUS DOUBLE HAPPINESS

Celebrating Singapore's 55th birthday and BW Monastery's 3rd anniversary, BW Monastery aimed to send out waves of positivity during this challenging year, by igniting the patriotism and gratitude towards our country and people, as well as the courage to face difficult times together for a better tomorrow.

Held via Zoom, this annual celebration was lined up by song singing performances in various languages, "Don't forget the lyrics" game, and a special activity titled "Singapore Through Your Eyes: Present and Future" that provided participants with the opportunity to pledge their commitment towards Singapore's future by sharing photo entries with write-ups of their love for the little red dot.

The event concluded with a sing-along session to the classic NDP songs and ended on a high note with a homemade video "Stronger Together Against COVID-19". The event radiated positive energy in the hearts and minds of the 827 participants, as they basked in the highly contagious atmosphere of patriotism and bliss created.

A BETTER TOMORROW



洪如兰居士与家人

新加坡吉祥宝聚寺文化艺术处呈献





*AUGUST*

# ULLAMBANA GRAND PUJA

“Ullambana” literally means the basin to rescue the suffering of being hung upside-down, and as such to liberate the hungry ghost from the hungry ghost realms. The observance of Ullambana is an opportunity for everyone to practise filial piety and show gratitude towards their parents and repay their kindness.

Led by the BW Monastery Sangha, a total of 14,339 participants followed in the recitation of the Mahayana Sutras over 8 online prayer sessions. With a grateful heart, participants were reminded of the parent’s kindness, and dedicated the merits towards their parents for longevity, good mental and physical well-being, abundance of food, and to be free from sickness and suffering.





# 忆师恩

## Remembering Master's Kindness 2020

Building My Mind's Pureland  
Through Relying on The Teacher  
依师建构心中净土



2020 MRD Joint-Project Phase 3  
忆师恩共业计划第三期建构总数

**101,088**

Plant-based Meals 吃素食

**1,382,369**

Heart Sutra/others 心经 / 其他经典

**122,991**

Prajnaparamita Sutra 般若经

**17,332,735**

Migtsema Mantra 密集玛

**11,196,396**

Mantra - Others Recited (time)  
咒 - 其他(遍)

**437,129**

Offerings 供养次数

OCTOBER

# MASTER REMEMBRANCE DAY

Master Remembrance Day is held once a year, where Dharma students at BW Monastery come together and collectively gather positive thoughts to remember the virtues and kindness of our Dharma Teacher. In 2020, we saw 3435 coming together to remember this important day (over 3 separate online sessions). This event serves to fortify the faith of all students towards our Dharma Teacher, and ascertain our aspiration to continue to learn from the compassionate and wise Dharma Teacher, so that we can do more to benefit all sentient beings.

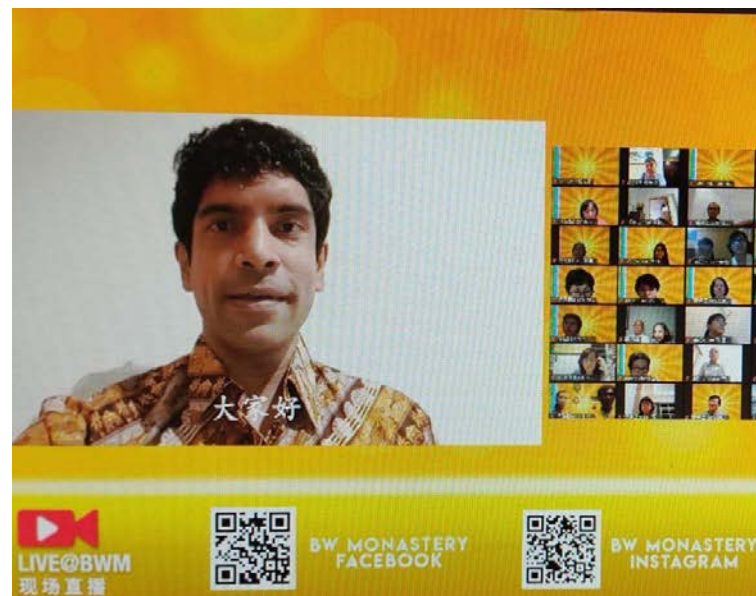




DECEMBER

# POPI POPI LIGHT UP 2021

To welcome 2021, BW Monastery held a year end Facebook live celebration that began with a Mass Prayer Group chanting of "The King of Glorious Sutras, the Exalted Sublime Golden Light - Chapter 4 Confession". The emcees engaged the audience via exiting online games, and exuberant engagement using the live comments and wish cards created by the devotees. People from different walks of life also shared their reflections and growth in 2020 as they prepared themselves for 2021. The event was wrapped up with light offerings, where the BW Monastery venerables guided all 3794 participants to pray for a better year ahead for 2021.



# GOVERNANCE

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## Board Meetings and Attendance

<b>Name</b>	<b>Board Meeting Attendance</b>
Mr. Tan Gek Lian	4/4
Mr. Dai Heong	4/4
Mr. Teo Seng	4/4
Mr. Hsu Chong Tien	4/4
Ms Gan Jia Hwa (Audrey)	4/4
Mdm. Tay Siew Yee	4/4
Mr. Chia Sze Tong	4/4
Mr. Ong Woo Teng	3/4
Mr. Phoon Jia Qi	4/4
Mr. Tan Ah Hee	3/4
Mr. Hoe Swee Long	4/4
Mr. Ho See Kwee	4/4
Mr. Alvin Chong Kim Chuan	4/4
Mr. Lim Tiong Boon	3/4



## **Conflict of Interest Policy**

All Board members and staff are required to comply with the Monastery's Conflict of Interest Policy.

The Board has put in place documented procedures for Board Members and staff to declare actual or potential conflicts of interests on a regular and need-to basis.

Board members also abstain and do not participate in decision-making on matters where they have a conflict of interest.

## **Disclosure of Remuneration**

BW Monastery has no paid staff, who are close members of the family of any Board members, who each receives total remuneration of more than \$50,000 during the year.



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**- GEYLANG -**

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23 Lorong 29 Geylang #04-01,  
Chang Clan General Association, S388702

15 Geylang Lor 29 #05-01,  
PTH Building Singapore, S388069

**- CLEMENTI -**

431 Clementi Ave 3,  
#01-312, S120431

**- CHINATOWN -**

101 Upper Cross St, #06-08  
People's Park Centre, S058357