

**ZOOM MEETING MINUTES for the Buddhist Peace Fellowship Chicago Chapter  
Thursday, January 20, 2022  
Present: Robert, Jack, Taigen, Charles, Oche, Dean, Kevin  
Facilitated by Dean, minutes by Kevin**

*[A welcome to Robert Althouse of Zen Life and Meditation Center! Also we had no meeting last month (December).]*

**Rohingya Petition:**

Jack has continued to send out the Rohingya refugee children's education petition, and now has 200 signatures. Still in contact with Holocaust Museum (DC) people, and with groups that are actively monitoring potential holocaust situations today. Visit: Simon-Skjoldt Center for the Prevention of Genocide, at <<https://www.ushmm.org/genocide-prevention>>. Would also be worthwhile to contact Rep. Jan Schakowsky, and Ted Lieu and Ed Markey. Jack will send the petition to BAC New York, and to Robert.

**CAPA Discussion:**

Charles and Jack have attended some Chicago Area Peace Action (CAPA) zoom meetings, although they've been out of contact with David Borris for a while. Jack says the meetings are high quality and include international visitors (offering new and interesting perspectives); our participation is welcomed.

**Buddhist Action Coalition (BAC) and BPF National:**

Chad from the BAC New York <[buddhistaction.org](http://buddhistaction.org)> will spread Jack's Rohingya petition again. They discussed the possible programmatic theme of "Civility for the 2020 Elections," with interest. How can we get people, and young people, involved? Jack mentions that people of faith need to find each other and build coalitions, in this possibly "1930's redux" time. Also, according to Alan Senauke and others, BPF National still seems to be defunct.

**David Loy Talk; Other Meetings:**

According to Robert and Taigen, David's in-person talk in Wisconsin has been canceled; there will now be a Zoom meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup> (9am-4pm?). [Unable to find info about this online; Robert will send a flyer.] There's a January 24<sup>th</sup> 6pm online meeting/video viewing by CAPA, "The Beginning of the End of Nuclear Weapons." Also Robert tells us about a long-term online workshop, The Great Turning, with Joanna Macy and others; see <[greatturning.net](http://greatturning.net)>.

**Continuing Outreach:**

Oche is continuing to promote us through his "Chicago Sits" group, and through other contacts.

**BPF Chi Core Planning Meeting Time Change:**

Due to a conflict with other meetings, Kevin requests that we move the planning meeting time from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, to the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month. Everyone agrees. Kevin will change the website and automatic announcements, etc.

**NEXT ZOOM MEETING:**

Fourth Thursday, February 24, 2022: 7:30pm; reminder and link to be emailed.

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