Buddhist Churches of America Archives and Historic Preservation Committee

Re: Grant assistance for temples

The BCA Collection, containing its history from 1899 to the present, was transferred from the Japanese American National Museum (JANM), where it was located for over twenty years to the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). The move of approximately 500 banker boxes and many over-sized items was made so that researchers and the general public would be able to access the records at no cost to them or the BCA while preserving the legacy of the Buddhist Churches of America.

What does this mean for BCA membership? Temples have multiple options to preserve their legacies:

i) Retain records, newsletters, meeting minutes, photos, videos, and other

 memorabilia in their own archival collections

ii) Donate these historical materials to a local library/university/museum

iii) Donate their collection to the BCA Collection at UCLA.

It is of the upmost importance to save these memorabilia for future generations to understand and appreciate Jodo Shinshu heritage in the United States.

The BCA Archives & Historic Preservation Committee has a grant program to support your temple in the above efforts. **See grant application** to apply for monies (up to $500/year/temple) needed to collect, establish, maintain, and/or transfer materials. The following are options for submission of grant application:

1. From BCA website <https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org>

Click on *WHO WE ARE,* select *BCA RESOURCES,* scroll down to *BCA ARCHIVES GRANT APPLICATION* and download the application.

**Email** completed application to Sandy Saeki, committee chair at saeki@ca.rr.com.

 **OR**

**USPS mail** complicated application to BCA Archives & Historic Preservation Committee, c/o: Sandy Saeki, 5847 W. 77th Place, Los Angeles, CA 90045

1. Fill out the application **online** at: [**https://forms.gle/gJ69BFQVG7uPWooh9**](https://forms.gle/gJ69BFQVG7uPWooh9)

If you have any questions regarding the BCA Archives Historic Preservation Committee or the grant program, chairperson Sandy Saeki can be reached at saeki@ca.rr.com or see <https://vhbt.org/archival-resources/>

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