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BCA Center for Buddhist Education 2018 CBE Summer Youth Retreat - July 1 - 7, 2018 At the Jodo Shinshu Center – 2140 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA

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Dear Ministers, Temple Presidents and Friends:

We hope that you are enjoying the light of Amida as 2018 unfolds. We are very excited to officially announce the 2018 Summer Youth Retreat being presented by the Center for Buddhist Education this summer, July 1 - 7, 2018, here at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley, CA.

This new dharma and youth development opportunity is especially for BCA high school youth, currently in their freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior year (age 15-18). CBE is honored to continue the exceptional work of the Youth Advocacy Committee (YAC) and other BCA youth programs.

Your temple is cordially invited to recommend a student(s) within your sangha who might benefit from this dharma education experience. Attached and online is the Application. Please note that applications require a Letter of Recommendation; and a short essay by the applicant.

Complete applications are due by April 30, 2018. All applicants will be notified by May 15th.

What is the 2018 Summer Youth Retreat?

The Summer Youth Retreat is a dynamic dharma experience based at the Jodo Shinshu Center designed to nurture Buddhism in daily life; address personal challenges as a 21st-century Buddhist youth; support each participant's development as a young Buddhist; provide opportunities to meet an array of BCA dharma teachers and meet new dharma friends from throughout BCA.

Activities will include:

- * Daily training in chanting and Hongwanji rituals; mindfulness and meditation
- * Homyo (Buddhist name) and Kieshiki (Affirmation)
- * Lectures on Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu; and their relevance to youth today
- * Interactive workshops on identity (ethnic, racial/multi-racial, gender, etc.); and other topics
- * Field trips to BCA historic pilgrimage sites, UC Berkeley tour, and SF Bay Area sites
- * Teen reflection circle
- * Yoga, calligraphy, cooking and much more

An Amazing Dharma and Support Team:

The CBE 2018 Summer Youth Retreat Planning Committee has assembled a team of inspiring dharma teachers and other professionals skilled in the areas of group communications, youth development, and counseling support to ensure that all participants have a meaningful learning experience. We are especially happy to have **Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto**, President of the Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS), and one of the foremost scholars of contemporary Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. Other amazing presenters, include: **Rev. Henry Adams** (San Mateo Buddhist Temple), **Rev. Harry Bridge** (Buddhist Church of Oakland), **Ellen Crane** (Orange County Buddhist Church, Minister's Assistant), **Dr. Carmela Javellana Hirano** (psychiatrist and Salt Lake Buddhist Temple, Minister's Assistant), **Rev. Kiyo Kuwahara** (Hongwanji Office and Berkeley Buddhist Temple (BBT)), **Bradley Menda** (TechnoBuddha/BBT, Minister's Assistant), **Koichi Mizushima** (Buddhist Church of Sacramento, Minister's Assistant), **Rev. Kory Quon** (Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple), and **Rev. Candice Shibata** (Buddhist Church of Florin).

The 2018 Summer Youth Retreat will be hosted at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley, which has become a favorite retreat and educational destination for the BCA community and beyond. The tentative schedule of events will be posted on the BCA website in March. Please feel free to contact us at CBE if you have any questions. We are grateful for your support and suggestions as we launch this new program.

Gassho,



Rev. Marvin Harada
Director, BCA Center for Buddhist Education

Attachments:

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Summer Youth Retreat Application

Statement on BCA Youth Leadership Development Programs