



**BUDDHIST CHURCH OF STOCKTON**  
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October 19, 2018

***“Celebrating the Path to a Brighter Future”***  
***Save the Date: Sunday, June 23, 2019,***  
***for the 50th Anniversary Rededication of our Shimizu Drive Facilities***

It is hard to believe that half a century at our current location will be upon us in no time. Thinking ahead to this significant anniversary, the church board and the co-chairs planning the celebration have determined it is imperative to conduct a fund drive, involving all our members, starting now. The facilities have served us well thanks to our volunteers who have done a remarkable job in keeping costs for repairs and maintenance as low as possible. We have also been the grateful recipient of donations for specific needs from very generous members, but it is time for ALL of us to fund the designated projects:

- 1) Original Office Flooring Replacement;
- 2) Main Entrance Gate Signage – Redesign, Upgrade & Make More Visible;
- 3) Complete Improvement of the South Parking Lot Area to Make it Safe & More Durable.

Enclosed is a pledge form including donor pledge amount; pledge/gift categories, payment options, etc. We humbly urge you to consider your pledge, complete the form and return it to the temple as soon as possible. We have to have all pledges paid in full by March 31, 2019, at the latest.

As part of the celebration, Bishop Kodo Umezu has agreed to be our principle guest speaker. We hope to also have a temple member (not yet determined) to gather and present a historic retrospect of the past 50 years.

Bishop Umezu will also conduct the Sarana Affirmation Ceremony. Anyone (including family members) who have not yet received a “Homyo” (Buddhist name) is encouraged and invited to take advantage of this opportunity. Parents should request for minor children. Contact the temple for separate application forms for each of you. Absolute deadline is March 31, 2019, but please apply as soon as possible so all paperwork can be completed. There is a charge of \$60 per applicant and each will receive a certificate and gift.

We hope as many as possible will mark **June 23, 2019** on your 2019 calendars now to save the date. We plan to have updates in the coming months to keep you informed, as well as an official invitation for the celebration.

The committee wishes to make clear that no part of your donation will be used toward recognition gifts to individuals. If more than ample funds for the designated projects are received, it will be set aside and use will be restricted to future important repairs that our general operating budget cannot cover.

We thank you, in advance, for being as generous as possible!

In Gassho,

Co-Chairs:

  
Darlene Bagshaw

  
Cathy Fujimori

  
Candy Hayashi

**Buddhist Church of Stockton**  
**Fund Drive for 3 Designated Projects**  
**For the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Shimizu Drive Site**

As indicated in our letter, we are asking for everyone to support by outright single payment or a pledge (total to be remitted no later than March 31, 2019), to cover the cost of the three designated projects.

We would like each member (husband & wife jointly) to pledge in one of the following categories:

Diamond	\$ 1,050 or more
Platinum	\$ 750 to \$1,049
Gold	\$ 550 to \$ 749
Silver	\$ 350 to \$ 549
Bronze	\$ 150 to \$ 349
Donor	\$ --- to \$ 149

My/Our pledge is in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, and will be paid in full by March 31, 2019.

**Payment Options:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Total amount is enclosed

\_\_\_\_\_ Three payments (1/3 of pledge)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ by November 30, 2018

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ by January 31, 2019

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ by March 31, 2019

\_\_\_\_\_ Monthly payments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each

***Note:** Because some of our members have limited income and/or no other resources, we ask others to be as generous as possible to help your temple and insure the success of this fund drive.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Your signature for self or self/spouse)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Date of Pledge)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Please made check(s) payable to

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\*(Designate for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund Drive)