



**2014 BCA Youth Retreat
Buddhist Church of Sacramento
2401 Riverside Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95818**

February 2014

Dear Ministers, Temple Presidents and Friends:

We hope you are enjoying this beautiful time of the year. This retreat, sponsored by the BCA Youth Advocacy Committee, will be hosted at the Sacramento Betsuin. It is designed for students 15-18 years of age and will take place **July 7-13, 2014**. This retreat will be an interesting and innovative introduction to the teachings and traditions of the Buddha Dharma. This week-long retreat will give our students an opportunity to learn and experience the Dharma teachings & rituals; understand its influence on Japanese culture; and hopefully develop an awareness of its relevance in relation to issues we face growing up in America today.

We would like temples to recommend a student within their Sangha who has displayed both responsible leadership and an interest in the Dharma. It is our hope that the experience of this retreat will help generate more active and meaningful youth programs at the local level and create an interest to perhaps become future Minister's Assistants at the local temple.

Enclosed please find a form to be completed by the student applicant. Completed essays and a letter of recommendation from the temple minister are required. Further, the student may enclose any additional references from friends and members of the Temple.

We are planning a very special week of unique activities and interesting experiences. As indicated, we are selecting only 15 students to participate in this YAC sponsored youth retreat, so please have the applications/essays submitted by **April 1, 2014**. Applications will be screened by the Retreat Committee and all applicants will be notified by mail. If selected, a package of information will be forwarded so please do not send any registration fees at this time.

If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Patti Oshita at (916) 428-9833, poshita@comcast.net.