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## GARDENA BUDDHIST CHURCH

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Dear Sangha and Friends,

On February 28, 2017, Reverend Nobuo Miyaji will be retiring from the Buddhist Churches of America. He has served the BCA for 40 years with the last 5 years being here at Gardena as our head minister.

Reverend Miyaji received Kaikyoshi in 1977 after earning his Bachelor of Arts from Ritsumeikan University and a Master's degree from Ryukoku University. His first BCA assignment was to Santa Barbara Buddhist Church. Over his 40 years of service, Reverend Miyaji served at 6 temples (Santa Barbara, Ogden, Los Angeles Betsuin, Venice Hongwanji, Fresno Betsuin and Gardena) and was Rinban during his 9 years at Fresno Betsuin. In 2012, we welcomed Rev Miyaji to the Gardena Buddhist Church.

During his time at Gardena, Miyaji sensei has been instrumental in furthering our understanding of the heart of the Nenbutsu and grounding us in our knowledge of Jodo Shinshu tradition in daily life. He has re-established and strengthened our Buddhist Education Program and deepened ties with our Nakayoshi Pre-School. His guidance was invaluable during the BWA and Temple 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events.

In recognition of Rev Miyaji's contribution, the Gardena Buddhist Church has planned a Luncheon at the Doubletree Hotel in Torrance on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 1:00 pm. Reservations for the Luncheon are now being accepted at a cost of \$50.00 per person. Please complete the enclosed form and send it to Gardena Buddhist Church by February 10<sup>th</sup>.

In Gassho,

Nadine Kakimoto, Board Chairperson  
Gardena Buddhist Church