

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 utmost 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 needed to collect, establish, maintain, and/or transfer materials. The application can also be obtained at BCA Website <https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/links/> by using the drop down link "ABOUT" on homepage.

There are 3 options for submission of grant application:

1. Download the application and **email** completed application to Sandy Saeki, committee chair at [saeki@ca.rr.com](mailto:saeki@ca.rr.com).
2. Download the application and **USPS mail** completed application to BCA Archives & Historic Preservation Committee, c/o: Sandy Saeki, 5847 W. 77<sup>th</sup> Place, Los Angeles, CA 90045
3. Fill out the application **online** at: <https://bit.ly/33169mj>

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](mailto:saeki@ca.rr.com)