

KOYASAN BEIKOKU BETSUIN OF LOS ANGELES



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Dear Members and Friends,

RE: CALL FOR MEMBERSHIP

Next year, 2022, will mark the 110th anniversary of the start of Koyasan Shingon Buddhism in North America. The history of Koyasan Shingon Buddhism in the U.S. began in 1912 with the establishment of the Koyasan Daishi Church in Elysian Park in Los Angeles. Later, the location was moved twice, and finally a plot of land was sought in the center of Little Tokyo, and just two years before the start of World War II, the temple began its activities as the Koyasan Beikoku Betsuin.

The history of Koyasan Shingon Buddhism in North America began at the Daishi Church, and I am deeply grateful for the help of everyone who has a relationship with Kobo Daishi. I am writing this letter with a strong sense of mission that we must never let this light go out.

While people all over the world are suffering from the ravages of COVID-19, Koyasan Beikoku Betsuin is doing its best to continue its activities. Membership provides the temple sustained funding that we can count on each year and gives you a voice in the decisions of the temple. This is a request from us. Please lend us your help. We would like as many people as possible to become a member and support the temple. Thank you very much.

In Gassho
Bishop Yuju Matsumoto