

Dear New Member,

We are grateful for your interest in our temple and the Buddha Dharma that is taught here. We are also grateful for your membership in our temple as it takes more people and resources to support a temple than one might realize. Part of each person's donation is sent to our BCA headquarters each year as required, for example. By sending part of each person's donation to headquarters, we are then connected to Buddhist Churches of America, The Shin Buddhist Center in Berkeley (which contains a fully accredited graduate school affiliated with the Bay Area Graduate Theological Union of California), the Berkeley Campus of the Ryukoku University, Kyoto, Japan, and we are connected to the spiritual, and beautiful, headquarters of all Honpa Hongwanji Buddhists (also called Nishi Hongwanji) in Kyoto, Japan. (Many items and areas in this huge Hongwanji mother Shin Temple are National Treasures of Japan.) Also, you will receive a monthly newsletter from our temple and one from Buddhist Churches of America Headquarters reflecting national and local events.

What does your membership mean to us, here at the Visalia Buddhist Temple? It means that this temple is your spiritual home and you should view it as such: with comfort and ease and joy and gratitude for such a wonderful place to learn about the teachings of Shakyamuni Buddha. It means that you can take advantage of many educational, cultural, and spiritual activities as a member of this temple. It means that after one hundred years of existence, we are still vital and able to share the Buddha Dharma here in Visalia and surrounding areas. It means that we will be calling upon you to help us when you can with our fundraisers because it takes a whole temple of people to have a successful fundraiser.

There is much for our youth to do. We have Dharma School at this temple on Sundays, which helps our youth learn about being clear thinking and wise in this complicated world of ours. We have district events and we have national events. On occasion, we even have international events. Most importantly, we do not expect our youth to overdo or over commit here at the temple. It should be a place of joy and togetherness in the Dharma.

Thank you for choosing "A Family Place" as your spiritual home.

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APPLICATION FOR VISALIA BUDDHIST TEMPLE MEMBERSHIP

MAIL TO: P.O. BOX 843, VISALIA, CA 93279

Name of each adult (\$300.00 per person per year donation):

Name of each child (Under 18 years of age - ZERO \$ per year):

Mailing Address:

Address

City

Zip Code

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Other contact phone number _____

Please send this application fully completed to the above address along with your donation.

Donations may be given once yearly

Or divided into four quarterly contributions of \$75 each per person.

Please indicate on check.

Thank you!