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To All BCA Temple Presidents:

*The
Buddhist Churches of America
Is honored to announce the retirement of
BISHOP KODO UMEZU*

After 47 years of dedicated ministry and service to the Buddhist Churches of America, Rev. Kodo Umezu, Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America, will retire from the BCA ministry on March 31, 2020. Prior to assuming the position of Bishop of the BCA and Superintendent of the North America District in 2012, Rev. Umezu served as the resident minister at the Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple, Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, and the Buddhist Church of Oakland. Additionally, Rev. Umezu also served as the Director of the BCA Center for Buddhist Education, and Chancellor of the Institute of Buddhist Studies.

It is with the deepest gratitude and appreciation for his devoted service to the BCA and to the propagation of the Nembutsu teaching that we extend our best wishes to Rev. & Mrs. Umezu. We wish them well in their retirement.

In appreciation for his many years of sharing the Dharma with all of us through his ministry, each BCA temple is invited to extend to Rev. Umezu a token of their gratitude. Gifts may be sent to:

*Rev. Kodo Umezu
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Thank you for your consideration.

Gassho,

*Michael Endo, Secretary
BCA Office of the Bishop*

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