

Dharma School teacher recognized for 50 years of service

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During the Gotan-E service at the Sacramento Betsuin, we were excited to surprise one of our Dharma School teachers, Sensei Grace Hatano, with a celebration commemorating her 50th year as a Dharma School teacher! This included recognition from the BCA Federation of Dharma School Teachers League, a unique

popcorn bouquet made specifically for Sensei Grace's tastes, and congratulations from the ministerial staff including minister emeritus Rev. Bob and his wife Patti Oshita. Her family was also in attendance to help honor her achievement. As both a minister's assistant and a Dharma School teacher,

Sensei Grace is a vital part of the Sacramento Betsuin and her continued commitment to teaching the Dharma to children for 50 years is one that is difficult to match. The Betsuin is lucky to have her and feels deep gratitude to her efforts; in gassho, Namo Amida Butsu, Sensei Grace!



Rev. Matt presenting Sensei Grace with a congratulatory certificate



Sensei Grace with temple representatives



Sensei Grace with her family who flew in as a surprise commemorating the milestone anniversary.