

***Shakyo* (Kannon Sutra Tracing) Project for buying a temple building**

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Over three years have passed since the Nichiren Buddhist Kannon Temple of Nevada was born. As you may know that I, Rev. Shokai Kanai, opened my house for use as a temple. I publish the bi-monthly newsletter, RADIANCE; conduct the major annual services and regular Sunday services. The house is getting full when over 20 people attend. Since it is located in a residential area, many activities such as beating drums are limited and not able to advertise publicly. Therefore we wish to buy a building in a commercial zone sometime in this year.

This temple is not only for local people but aimed towards all interesting people who visit Las Vegas from around the world. They will receive peace and security at this Kannon Temple of Nevada.

We currently have over eight thousand dollars in the Building Fund. The new building will cost much more even if I include the proceeds from the sale of my house and the Building Fund.

Therefore, we started the *Shakyo Project* to raise funds for the new building. We would like to request your support by tracing the Kannon Sutra with a ballpoint pen or a pencil; write your name, address and also your prayers or the name of loved ones in memory of them. Then return your copied booklet with your donation to the Kannon Temple of Nevada, so I pray for your wishes and/or loved ones during the morning service. Please do not write in the “No. ____” section. This is for our records to keep track for posterity.

Chapter 28 of the Lotus Sutra says, “Anyone who copies this sutra will be reborn in the Heaven of the Trayastrimsa Gods immediately after his present life.” I will send you a certificate of your

offertory of the sutra tracing, so you can use it as an amulet and later you can take it with you when you leave this Saha World.

You can trace the sutra as many times as you wish. Please let me know how many *shakyo* booklets you request. The address is 3920 Spencer Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 or call me at (702)396-6276. We also have a Japanese version as well.

Thank you very much for your corporation!

With Gassho,

Rev. Shokai Kanai