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Dear Dharma friends,

Greetings from the Buddhist Council of New York. This is Rev. Dr. TK Nakagaki, 2020 Census Outreach Coordinator for NYC Buddhist community, representing the Buddhist Council of New York.

An invitation to fill out the 2020 Census has been sent out to all New York City households on March 12th, 2020. I hope that you have already received yours.

It is time for ALL people who live in the US to fill out the 2020 Census!!! The Buddhist Council of New York has been actively involved to reach out Buddhist communities in New York City to encourage people to participate in the US Census.

Because of the recent coronavirus outbreak, many of us need to stay home. We would like to encourage all Buddhist community members to use this time to fill out the census. It is of critical importance for Buddhists to take part in the census to increase our visibility and make our voices heard as an important part of New York City.

Have you completed the census? Do you have any questions about filling out the census form? We are happy to help you! If you need language support, please go to the Census Bureau's [language support page](#) or [language guide page](#). You can find help in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Thai, Lao, Burmese, Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Khmer, Nepali, Sinhala, Tamil, Vietnamese, and many other languages.

This is the first time that you can fill out the census **online** at <https://my2020census.gov>

Over the **phone** by calling **844-330-2020** (English), 844-468-2020 (Spanish), 844-391-2020 (Mandarin), 844-398-2020 (Cantonese), 844-461-2020 (Vietnamese), 844-392-2020 (Korean), 844-460-2020 (Japanese).

If/After you completed the census (by mail, phone or online), please let us (Buddhist Council of New York) know by clicking on **"YES, I completed the 2020 Census"** <https://forms.gle/wN7KSeiPmR1XVBNKA> and following the simple instructions. Your response of completion shows to New York City how much Buddhist communities care about participating in the larger community.

The Buddhist Council of New York, in partnership with New York Disaster Interfaith Services (NYDIS), supports the US 2020 Census. We encourage all Buddhist communities in NYC to submit their census forms by mail, phone or online (www.my2020census.gov) The Asian community has been historically undercounted. By participating in the 2020 Census, we can increase our voices, visibility, and influence in the US and New York City. This is beneficial for all of us, both directly and indirectly. Thank you for your understanding and support. ... Please be safe and take good care of yourself, dealing with current coronavirus conditions.

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