

Dear Members and friends of Richmond Temple,



Now that the New Year has begun and we started to work on the new Berkeley Temple, I want to give you a brief update. We have almost completed the installation of the ceiling insulation which came out very nice and most of the electrical work has been done, including installing a new 220 amp service.

We have done some of the work on the walls that needed to be changed, like opening up the room upstairs to create a larger assembly area,

creating an additional path into the special events room downstairs, or closing the wall between the two offices downstairs.



Most importantly we have begun to build the altar. The backdrop that will support the main altar from our Richmond Temple has already been installed and Martin Fink is in the process of constructing the platform for the lectern, harmonium and so on.



The owner has installed new entrance doors and we are beginning to design a sign that will identify the building as the new Berkeley Temple of Self-Realization Fellowship.

In order to continue with the progress we have made, we are going to have two additional days of service this month here at the Berkeley Temple, one tomorrow, January 21st, beginning at 9:00 am and the following Saturday, January 28th beginning at the same time. We will have a potluck around 1:00 pm and you are welcome to bring some food to share. However, there is no possibility to heat up any food at the Berkeley Temple except for a small microwave oven. Please bring a set of working gloves if you want to participate in the day of service. If you are experienced in sheetrock work like mudding and taping we could use your help tomorrow.

We are wondering if you have any grab bars for restrooms or bathrooms that you don't need any longer and can donate to the Temple; please bring them to the Berkeley Temple at 3201 Shattuck Avenue in Berkeley.

Whenever you have some time during the week, you are welcome to join Martin Fink and the volunteers to help remodel the Temple. Please be in touch with Martin martinfink@astound.net who coordinates all the construction efforts. If you want to support the remodel project by providing food for the volunteers during the week, please be in touch with Lumiel Kim-Hammerich lumi66@comcast.net who is coordinating this aspect.

As the work is progressing we will be able to come up with a more detailed timeline, but right now we anticipate the move to happen around the dates of February 23rd or the 24th.

I am looking forward seeing you this weekend.

In divine friendship,

Bro. Kalyanananda