



Tathagata Meditation Center

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Kathina Robe Offering Ceremony 2014

October 12, 2014

Dear Devotees,

We would like to invite you to the Kathina Robe Offering Ceremony at the Tathāgata Meditation Center on Sunday October 12, 2014.

As you know, Kathina is a tradition which has been followed since the time of the Buddha. Every year, Tathāgata Meditation Center (TMC) organizes the ceremony right after the Vassa period for devotees to have an opportunity to offer four requisites to the Sangha and accumulate merits for themselves. The merits of the four-requisite offered to the Sangha were mentioned by the Buddha in the Anapanasatti Sutta as follows:

" O Bhikkhu! The Sangha here is a pure assembly. It is worth for devotees to come a long way to pay respect and make donation. For this assembly, a small donation will get a lot of merits and a large donation even gets more merits in return. The Sangha Assembly is indeed a field for all devotees to seed their good karma and cultivate their merits."

The Kathina ceremony program is as follows:

10:30 A.M.:	Arrival of devotees
11:00 A.M.:	Potluck lunch
12:30 P.M.:	Kathina Ceremony
3:00 P.M.:	Adjournment

Coming to the Kathina Ceremony, devotees will have the opportunity to take five precepts, be blessed with chantings from the Sangha, listen to Dhamma talk, offer robes and other requisites to the Sangha and share merits to all beings.

We hope many of devotees will participate in the Kathina ceremony and look forward to welcoming you. If you could not attend the ceremony but would like us to offer a robe to the Sangha and share merits to your beloved ones and all beings on your behalf, please fill out the bottom portion of this letter and return it to us.

May you all be well, happy and peaceful!

In Metta,
Tathagata Meditation Center

I could not attend the 2014 Kathina Robe Offering Ceremony at TMC. However, please offer a robe to the Sangha and share merits to my beloved ones and all beings on my behalf.

Name: _____

Address: _____
(Optional)

___ Enclosed is a check of \$50 for the robe (payable to TMC)