

COURSES

The Dharma Center of the Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple will be offering the following classes in General Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. The classes will be introductory for those who are new to the Buddhist concepts and continuing education for those already learning the Truth of the Dharma to live each moment in the Teachings. Let us all enrich our lives by listening to the Teachings.

Reason to Live the Shin Buddhist Way

Monday, 6:30-8:00PM

September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23 (5 week class: \$50)

There are many religions and Buddhist Schools in this world. What is a reason to live the Shin Buddhist way? This class will focus on how Shin Buddhist Teaching applies to our daily lives and how the teaching changes and enriches our lives by reading the words of Rennyo Shonin, the 8th Monshu, who teaches us how to live a life of Shinjin.

Shinran Shonin's Hymns

Tuesday, 7:00-8:30PM

September 19, 26, October 3, 17, 24 (5 week class: \$50)

Shinran Shonin composed about 500 hymns about Jodo Shinshu teaching. They are called Wasan, which literally means Japanese hymns. Some wasans are chanted with the melody at the service. Shinran Shonin summarized the Jodo Shinshu teaching in a brief and poetic manner. The attendees will learn not only the meaning of each wasan but also the chanting of them. The class is always easy and fun.

Contemporary Issues and Jodo Shinshu Perspective (Discussion)

Wednesday, 7:00-8:30PM

September 6, 13, 20, 27, October 4 (5 week class: \$50)

Issues like same sex marriage, immigration, global warming were not an issue during Shinran's life, on the other hand there was war, sexism, and poverty during his time. What is our understanding of these contemporary issues living a life of Nembutsu? These five lectures will discuss current events and issues that effect our way of life and how Jodo Shinshu Buddhism influences our view point.

What Makes You Not a Buddhist

Thursday, 7:00-8:30PM

September 7, 21, 28, October 5, 19 (5 week class: \$50)

We will be reading and discussing the text "What makes you not a Buddhist" by Dzongsar Jamyang Khyentse. The author is the head of the Dzongsar Monastery and Dzongsar College in Bhutan. He wrote and directed the films "The Cup" and "Travelers and Magicians". He challenges people to know what they are talking about before they claim to be Buddhists. The book will be available at the first meeting for a cost of \$21.85.

蓮如上人と御一代記聞書 Rennyō Shonin (Class taught in Japanese)

Saturday, 10:00-11:30AM

September 9, October 14, November 11 (3 week class: \$30)

Explaining Shin Buddhism in the Simplest Way Possible

Saturday, 10:00-11:30AM

September 23, 30, October 14, 21, November 4 (5 week class: \$50)

The entire focus will be on explaining, in the easiest way possible, what is being meant by "Faith (Shinjin)," "Primal Vow (Hongan)," "Nembutsu," "Pure Land (Jodo)" etc. and how they all work to free us from our suffering, both in their mild and intense forms. Because of the simplicity of the explanations, numerous questions may arise, in which case, they'll be both encouraged and welcomed.

Rev. Koho Takata

Rev. Ryuta Furumoto

Rev. William Briones

Rev. Masao Kodani

Rev. George Matsubayashi

Rev. Tetsuo Unno

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10:00 AM (every Sunday)

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Led by Dharma School Teachers

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Introduction to Buddhism/Jodo Shinshu

Led by Rev. William Briones, Rimban

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MAJOR SERVICES/SEMINARS FOR 2017 FALL

**秋季彼岸会 Fall Ohigan Seminar on “Life of Awakening: Shinjin” 9/16
and Fall Ohigan Service on 9/17**

Rev. Kenji Akahoshi (English) & Rev. Doei Fujii (Japanese)

南加地区セミナー SD BEC Seminar on “Jodo Shinshu Rituals in Daily Life” on 10/28

Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki (Japanese: Morning, English: Afternoon)

仏教教育委員会特別セミナー BEC Special Seminar on 11/18 & 19 at 9am -4pm

Photo Exhibition “The Buddha’s Words and Scenery of India”

Special Presentation on the Buddha-Dharma & India by Rev. Mas Kodani on 11/19 at 1pm,
Followed by Presentation of Kinnara Gagaku & Bugaku (traditional Buddhist Music & Dance)

REGISTRATION FORM FOR FALL 2017

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Please check the course you want to take:

- Reason to live the Shin Buddhist Way (Monday 6:30-8:00pm): **\$50.00**
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- Contemporary Issues and Jodo Shinshu Perspective (Wednesday 7:00-8:30pm): **\$50.00**
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- 蓮如上人と御一代記聞書 (Saturday 10:00-11:30am): **\$30.00**
- Explaining Shin Buddhism in the Simplest Way Possible (Saturday 10:00-11:30am): **\$50.00**

The course tuition is collected and no refund on missed classes. Please mail completed registration form with a check for the total payment (payable to: LAHHBT) or bring it to temple.

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