

## 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**

**January 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26 (5 week class: \$50)**

**Rev. Koho Takata**

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 8<sup>th</sup> Monshu, who teaches us how to live a life of Shinjin.

### Shinran Shonin's Hymns

**Tuesday, 7:00-8:30PM**

**January 23, 30, February 13, 20, 27 (5 week class: \$50)**

**Rev. Ryuta Furumoto**

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**

**January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7 (5 week class: \$50)**

**Rev. William Briones**

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.

### Rituals

**Thursday, 7:00-8:30PM**

**January 25, February 1, 15, 22, March 1 (5 week class: \$50)**

**Rev. Masao Kodani**

親鸞聖人のご和讃 Shinran Shonin's Hymns (Class taught in Japanese)

**Saturday, 10:00-11:30AM**

**February 24, March 10, 24 (3 week class: \$30)**

**Rev. Yoshiko Miyaji**

### Freewheeling Discussions on the Seemingly Enigmatic Words of Shinran and his Great

#### Myokonin Disciples

**Saturday, 10:00-11:30AM**

**January 20, February 10, 17, 24, March 10 (5 week class: \$50)**

**Rev. Tetsuo Unno**

For example, when Shinran affirms that Amida's Primal Vow is "entirely for the sake of myself (Shinran) alone" or when the Myokonin Saichi writes, "While one's life is not over with, one is born in Ultimate Bliss." Or when Genza, another Myokonin, says to a fellow believer who is bemoaning the fact that he is a "fake" believer, "If you've become a fake, that's great! It's really hard to become a fake," what is the underlying Shin Buddhist truth that is being conveyed? That is the question on which this class will dwell, discuss, and meditate.

## SUNDAY SERVICE

**LA Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple**

**815 East First Street**

**Los Angeles, California 90012**

**10:00 AM (every Sunday)**

**English & Japanese**

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Introduction to Buddhism/Jodo Shinshu

Led by Rev. William Briones, Rimban

Head Minister of Temple

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**Hollywood Buddhist Temple**

**3929 Middlebury Street**

**Los Angeles, California 90004**

**10:00AM (once a month)**

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**Sun Valley Buddhist Temple**

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**10:00AM (once a month)**

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## MAJOR SERVICES/SEMINARS FOR 2018 WINTER

**Theme: “Life of Awakening: Perfect Peace” (Chapter on Realization)**

御正忌報恩講 **Hoonko (Shinran Shonin’s Memorial) Seminar on 1/13 and Service on 1/14**  
Rev. Nobuo Haneda (English), Rev. Ryoso Toshima (Japanese)

冬季パシフィックセミナー **Winter Pacific Seminar @ OCBC on 1/27**  
Dr. Mark Unno & Rev. Tetsuo Unno

寺基移転五十周年特別セミナー **Special Seminar for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary-Current Temple Site on 2/3**  
Rev. Nobuo Miyaji (English & Japanese)

如月忌 **Kisaragiki, Memorial Service for Lady Takeko Kujo on 2/4**  
Rev. Nobuo Miyaji (English & Japanese)

春季彼岸会 **Spring Higan Seminar on 3/17 and Service on 3/18**  
Rev. Kenneth Fujimoto (English), Rev. Ryuta Furumoto (Japanese)

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## REGISTRATION FORM FOR 2018 WINTER

<b>NAME</b>			
<b>ADDRESS</b>			
<b>EMAIL</b>		<b>PHONE</b>	

**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**
- Rituals (Thursday 7:00-8:30pm): **\$50.00**
- 親鸞聖人のご和讃 (Saturday 10:00-11:30am): **\$30.00**
- Freewheeling Discussions on the Seemingly Enigmatic Words of Shinran and his Great Myokonin Disciples (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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# DHARMA CLASSES



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