

## 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.

### **Shoshin Nembutsu-ge (Shoshinge) - Hymn of True Shinjin and the Nembutsu -**

**Monday, 6:30-8:00PM**

**Rev. Koho Takata**

**February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (5 week class: \$50)**

“Shoshinge” is composed of 120 lines in 60 verses and is most widely chanted among Jodo Shinshu followers, was written by Shinran Shonin summarizing the Teachings of Jodo Shinshu. It is Shinran Shonin’s expression of joy and gratitude for encountering the Nembutsu teaching in being guided by the Sutra of the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and the seven masters from India, China, and Japan.

### **Tannisho - A Record in Lament of Divergences -**

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

**Rev. Ryuta Furumoto**

**January 19, 26, February 2, 16, 23 (5 week class: \$50)**

“Tannisho (A Record in Lament of Divergences)” is a Jodo Shinshu classic. This record of Shinran Shonin’s words and teachings is easy to read, and each chapter is not long, so it is often read as an introduction to Jodo Shinshu teaching. To deepen the understanding of Shinran Shonin’s thought, several translations and the texts will be used at the class, such as “Collected Works of Shinran,” Dr. Rev. Taitetsu Unno’s translation, and Japanese original text.

### **Contemporary Issues and Jodo Shinshu Perspective (Discussion)**

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

**Rimban William Briones**

**January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3 (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.

### **Rituals**

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

**Rev. Masao Kodani**

**January 4, 11, 18 (Mondays), January 28, February 4, 18 (Thursdays) (6 week class: \$60)**

### **日本語浄土真宗講座 Jodo Shinshu Buddhism taught in Japanese**

**January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26 (\$5 per class)**

**Rev. Kazuaki Nakata**

### **Seeking a Final Solution to (One’s) Life, Guided by Shinran Shonin and Helped by Insights from Zen and Western Thinkers**

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

**Rev. Tetsuo Unno**

**January 9, 23, February 20, 27, March 5 (5 week class: \$50)**

For Shinran Shonin, the “Final Solution to (One’s) Life,” in a word is “Shinjin” (Entrustment, Faith, etc.). But what is “Shinjin?” In an attempt to answer that question, these lectures will turn first to Shinran and secondly, to supportive insights of Zen and Western thinkers.

### **Introduction to Buddhism/Jodo Shinshu Buddhism**

**Every Sunday, 11:00-11:30AM (free)**

**Rimban William Briones**

This class will be held right after the Sunday service. It will help you to understand the basic teachings of Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

## 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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Led by Dharma School Teachers

&

Introduction to Buddhism/Jodo Shinshu

Led by Rimban William Briones

Head Minister of Temple

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### **Hollywood Buddhist Temple**

**3929 Middlebury Street**

**Los Angeles, California 90004**

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

**English & Japanese**

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### **Sun Valley Buddhist Temple**

**8850 Lankershim Blvd.**

**Sun Valley, California 91352**

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

**English & Japanese**

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**Applied Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Studies for Teens (Age 11 and up)**

**Sunday, 11:30-12:15AM (free)**

**Rev. Kazuaki Nakata**

**January 17, 24, February 7, 21, 28, March 13, 20**

This course fully covers “Sangha Award” and “Padma Award for Cadettes and Senior” requisites. Main Purpose of this course is to cultivate the ability of the critical problem-solving, the sense of the mindfulness, the skill to reduce/manage one’s stress, the character of gentleness and the mind to make one’s life more appreciative through the teaching of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

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**MAJOR SERVICES/SEMINARS FOR 2016 WINTER**

御正忌報恩講 **Hoonko (Shinran Shonin’s Memorial) Seminar on 1/16 and Service on 1/17**

Rev. Masao Kodani (English), Rev. Nobuo Haneda (Japanese)

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 2/6**

Rev. George Matsubayashi (English & Japanese)

如月忌 **Memorial Service for Lady Takeko Kujo on 2/7**

Rev. George Matsubayashi (English & Japanese)

涅槃会 **Nirvana Day Memorial Service on 2/14**

Rev. William Briones (English), Rev. Koho Takata (Japanese)

春季彼岸会 **Spring Higan Seminar on 3/19 and Service on 3/20**

Rev. Tetsuo Unno (English), Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara (Japanese)

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**REGISTRATION FORM FOR WINTER 2016**

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<b>ADDRESS</b>			
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**Please check the course you want to take:**

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- Seeking a Final Solution to (One’s) Life, Guided by Shinran Shonin and Helped by Insights from Zen and Western Thinkers (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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