

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

September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 10 (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.

Introduction to the Three Pure Land Sutras

Tuesday, 7:00-8:30PM

Rev. Ryuta Furumoto

September 20, 27, October 4, 18, 25 (5 week class: \$50)

The Larger Sutra, The Contemplation Sutra, and The Amida Sutra are known as the three principal Pure Land Sutras in Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. The story of Dharmakara Bodhisattva, the Forty-Eight Vows of Amida Buddha, and the description of Pure Land appear in these sutras. This class will give an overview of the three sutras with an easy and simple guidance.

Contemporary Issues and Jodo Shinshu Perspective (Discussion)

Wednesday, 7:00-8:30PM

Rev. William Briones

September 7, 14, 21, 28, October 5 (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.

Traditions of Nishi Hongwanji

Thursday, 7:00-8:30PM

Rev. Masao Kodani

September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 20, 27 (6 week class: \$60)

Jodoshinshu Hongwanji-ha Buddhist temples in U.S. The temple floorplan and use; clerical and religious articles; the basic ritual; Jodoshinshu holidays and festivals, ritual chanting; the family obutsudan; Orei and Oiwai; miscellaneous objects and terms. Lectures based on the book “Traditions of Jodoshinshu Hongwanji-ha.”

妙好人 Myokonin (Class taught in Japanese)

Saturday, 10:00-11:30AM (4 week class: \$40)

Rev. George Matsubayashi

September 24, October 22, November 12, December 17

Being Guided, Once Again, by Shin Buddhists of a Transcendental Spiritual Depth, Such as the Lady Takeko Kujo, the Poet Muso Kimura, and the Great Layman Goromatsu Maekawa and others

Saturday, 10:00-11:30AM

Rev. Tetsuo Unno

September 10, 24, October 1, 22, 29 (5 week class: \$50)

Within the world of Shin Buddhism, the Lady Takeko Kujo is revered for her extraordinary Beauty, Grace, Empathetic Compassion, Activism and also for her Genius as a Poet and Writer. These lectures, however, will focus wholly on her stunning religious depth. Muso Kimura is a prolific Shin Buddhist poet; Goromatsu Maekawa is a Myokonin-like layman, both, like the Lady Kujo, of an incomprehensibly profound depth of “Faith” (Shinjin).

SUNDAY SERVICE

**LA Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
815 East First Street
Los Angeles, California 90012**

**10:00 AM (every Sunday)
English & Japanese**

Contact: Rev. Koho Takata
(213) 680-9130

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Followed by Dharma Classes for children
Led by Dharma School Teachers

&

Introduction to Buddhism/Jodo Shinshu
Led by Rev. William Briones, Rimban
Head Minister of Temple

**Hollywood Buddhist Temple
3929 Middlebury Street
Los Angeles, California 90004**

**10:00AM (once a month)
English & Japanese**

Contact: Rev. Koho Takata
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**Sun Valley Buddhist Temple
8850 Lankershim Blvd.
Sun Valley, California 91352**

**10:00AM (once a month)
English & Japanese**

Contact: Rev. Kazuaki Nakata
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Introduction to Buddhism/Jodo Shinshu Buddhism

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

Rev. William Briones

This class will be held right after the Sunday service. There will be Q & A for Dharma message from Sunday service. It will help you to understand the basic teachings of Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

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

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

Rev. Kazuaki Nakata

September 11, 18, October 2, 16, 23, 30, November 6, 20, 27, December 18

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.

MAJOR SERVICES/SEMINARS FOR 2016 FALL

秋季彼岸会 Fall Ohigan Seminar on 9/17 and Service on 9/18

Rev. Masanori Watanabe & Rev. Mutsumi Wondra (English & Japanese)

惠信尼公・觉信尼公追悼会 Memorial Service for Lady Eshinni & Kakushinni on 10/2

Rev. Tomoyuki Hasegawa (English & Japanese)

南加教区仏教教育セミナー Southern District Buddhist Education Seminar on 10/15

“Jodo Shinshu Rituals in Daily Life: Gratitude and Appreciation”

Rev. John Iwihara (English & Japanese)

REGISTRATION FORM FOR FALL 2016

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| NAME | | | |
| ADDRESS | | | |
| EMAIL | | PHONE | |

Please check the course you want to take:

- Shoshinge (Monday 6:30-8:00pm): **\$50.00**
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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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2016 FALL

(September to November)

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