

COURSES

The Dharma Center of the Los Angeles Hampa 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

January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20 (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

January 24, 31, February 7, 21 (4 week class: \$40)

The Larger Sutra, The Contemplation Sutra, and The Amida Sutra are known as the principle three Pure Land Sutras in Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. The story of Dharmakara Bodhisattva, 48vows of Amida Buddha, and the description of Pure Land are appeared in these sutras. The attendees of this class will understand the overview of the three sutra with an easy and simple guidance. This semester, the attendees will learn about the Contemplation Sutra.

Contemporary Issues and Jodo Shinshu Perspective (Discussion)

Wednesday, 7:00-8:30PM

Rev. William Briones

January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8 (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.

Japanese Buddhist Art

Thursday, 7:00-8:30PM

Rev. Masao Kodani

January 19, 26, February 2, 16, 23, March 2 (6 week class: \$60)

This class helps you to understand how Buddhism produces art in Japan.

蓮如上人と御文章 Rennyō Shonin (Class taught in Japanese)

Saturday, 10:00-11:30AM

Rev. George Matsubayashi

February 18, March 25 (2 week class: \$20)

An Attempt to Make Hard-to-Understand Shin Buddhist Tenets Understandable: Defilement (Bonno), Faith (Shinjin), Pure Land, etc.

Saturday, 10:00-11:30AM

Rev. Tetsuo Unno

January 21, February 11, 18, March 11, 25 (5 week class: \$50)

For help these lectures will turn to the luminous insights of thinkers such as the Shin Priest-Scholar Ryojin Soga, the Zen Master Kodo Sawaki, and of Western figures such as the Depth Psychologist C.G. Jung, the Poet Charles Simic, the Religious Thinker Soren Kierkegaard and others.

SUNDAY SERVICE

LA Hampa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

815 East First Street

Los Angeles, California 90012

10:00 AM (every Sunday)

English & Japanese

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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)

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Sun Valley Buddhist Temple

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Sun Valley, California 91352

10:00AM (once a month)

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日本語講座 Buddhist Education (Class taught in Japanese)

Every Thursday, 10:00-11:00AM (free)

Rev. Kazuaki Nakata

Introduction to Buddhism/Jodo Shinshu Buddhism

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

Rev. William Briones

Preteen Jodo Shinshu Practicum

Sunday, 9:00-9:45AM (free)

January 15, 22, 29, February 26

Rev. Kazuaki Nakata

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

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

January 8, 15, 22, February 5, 19, 26, March 12, 19, 26

Rev. Kazuaki Nakata

MAJOR SERVICES/SEMINARS FOR 2017 WINTER

御正忌報恩講 Hoonko (Shinran Shonin's Memorial) Seminar on 1/14 and Service on 1/15

Rev. Nobuo Haneda (English), Rev. George Matsubayashi (Japanese)

冬季パシフィックセミナー Winter Pacific Seminar on 1/28

Dharmathon (Dharma messages delivered) by Nishi and Higashi Ministers (English & Japanese)

寺基移転五十周年特別セミナー Special Seminar for 50th Anniversary-Current Temple Site on 2/4

Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto (English & Japanese)

春季彼岸会 Spring Higan Seminar on 3/18 and Service on 3/19

Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara (English), Rev. Nobuo Miyaji (Japanese)

REGISTRATION FORM FOR WINTER 2017

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Please check the course you want to take:

- Shoshinge - Hymn of True Shinjin and the Nembutsu - (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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