

## COURSES

The Buddhist Study 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.

### Origin and Establishment of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism - Historical Background -

**Monday, 6:30-7:30PM (class) followed by Annon Café (Q & A, fellowships)**

**April 6, 20, May 4, 18, June 1 (5 week class: \$50)**

**Rev. Koho Takata**

In the long history of the Buddha-Dharma, Jodo Shinshu Buddhism has been a unique tradition lasting from ancient to modern times. The Buddha-Dharma (teaching of the Buddha) never change even though time changes. We will learn about how the history and the teachings were coped with in order to spread and maintain the Buddha-Dharma.

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

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

**April 7, 21, 28, May 5, 19 (5 week class: \$50)**

**Rev. Ryuta Furumoto**

“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**

**April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20 (5 week class: \$50)**

**Rimban 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.

### Buddhist and Jodo Shinshu Vocabulary from the Japanese

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

**April 2, 16, 30, May 7, 21 (5 week class: \$50)**

**Rev. Masao Kodani**

This class will help you to understand that we, as English-speaking Buddhists, are woefully inadequate in a vocabulary which is unique to our religion.

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

**Every Friday, 10:00-11:00AM (\$5 per week)**

**Rev. Kazuaki Nakata**

### 親鸞聖人の御生涯と御教示 Life of Shinran Shonin and his Teachings taught in Japanese

**Saturday, 9:30-11:00AM**

**April 11, 25, May 9, 23, June 6, 20 (6 week class: \$60)**

**Rev. George Matsubayashi**

### Focusing on and Being Guided by the Transcendently Profound Religious Experiences of Great Shin Buddhists and also, of Great Zennists

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

**April 25, May 2, 9, 23, 30, June 20 (6 week class: \$60)**

**Rev. Tetsuo Unno**

These six lectures will focus on those accounts that describe how great Shin Buddhists and Zennists strove and eventually broke through, respectively, to “Shinjin” (Entrustment) and “Satori” (Enlightenment). Attention will then turn to the content and nature of what had been attained and finally, to how that attainment manifests itself, ethically speaking, in their everyday lives.

## 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

[lanishihongwanji@gmail.com](mailto:lanishihongwanji@gmail.com)

Followed by Dharma Classes for children  
Led by Dharma School Teachers

&

Introduction to Buddhism/Jodo Shinshu  
Led by Rimban William Briones  
Head Minister of Temple  
Director of Buddhist Study Center

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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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**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. 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**

**May 3, 10, 17, 31, June 7, 14, 28**

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 FOR 2015 SPRING**

花祭り **Hanamatsuri (Birth of Sakyamuni Buddha)**

April 5 at 10:00am with Rev. Hoshu Matsubayashi (English & Japanese)

降誕会 **Gotane (Birth of Shinran Shonin)**

May 17 at 10:00am with Rev. John Doami (English), Rev. Seikan Fukuma (Japanese)

南加教区仏教徒大会 **Southern District Buddhist Conference at Quiet Cannon**

June 13 at 10:00am with Rev. Gregory Gibbs (English), Rev. Masanori Watanabe (Japanese)

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**REGISTRATION FORM FOR SPRING 2015**

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

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**Please mail completed registration form with a check for the total payment (payable to: LAHHBT) or bring it to temple.**

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