

Joint Celebration
850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and 800th Anniversary of
the Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching

Group Participation Information 2

Please refer to this information booklet in planning for group registration for the Joint Celebration.

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I. First Application Period

First Application Period: October 1, 2021– February 28, 2022

Note

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the First Application Period deadline has been **extended to the end of February 2022**.

A. Application Form (form 1) for First Period

Please submit the application form (form 1) to *Sampai* Center **through the Hongwanji International Center** (hereinafter referred to as “HIC”).

In regards to pending matters, please leave the relevant boxes blank. However, please make sure to let us know of all information requested in the Application Form **no later than four (4) months prior** to your visit by submitting Form for Additions and/or Changes (form 3-1 and/or 3-2).

Please complete the application process **no later than four (4) months prior** to your group’s visit in order to allow us to make necessary arrangements.

To confirm your application, *Sampai* Center will send you a confirmation packet including: Itinerary Report (form 2), Confirmation Ceremony related documents, and documents regarding interment at Otani Mausoleum*.

*Documents regarding interment at Otani Mausoleum are available in **Japanese only**. For linguistic support, please contact HIC.

B. Form(s) for Additions and/or Changes (form 3-1 and/or 3-2)

Please inform *Sampai* Center **through HIC** of all additions and/or changes of your initial Application Form by submitting the Form for Additions and/or Changes (form 3-1 or 3-2). Please use the appropriate form depending on what information is added/ modified.

C. Itinerary Form (form 2, This form is NOT attached here.)

In confirming that your application has been received, *Sampai* Center will send you a Receipt of Application and a blank Itinerary Form (form 2).

Please fill in and submit the Itinerary Form to *Sampai* Center through HIC **no later than two (2) months prior** to your scheduled visit to Hongwanji.

In the event your group includes someone who would like to participate in a Confirmation Ceremony scheduled at Hongwanji on the occasion of the Joint Celebration, please fill out and submit Confirmation Ceremony Application Form to *Sampai* Center through HIC.

The information will be shared by the concerned departments: Reception Department and Liturgy Department.

For further information regarding Confirmation Ceremony, see p. 7 (IV. Others, P. Confirmation Ceremony).

D. Final Notification

Approximately one (1) month prior to your group's visit to Hongwanji, *Sampai* Center will send you a confirmation packet of the following items,

- Final Notification
- Group tag
- Bus tag(s)
- Group Leaders' Handbook

II. Second Application Period

Second Application Period: April 1, 2022– March 2023 (until start of Celebration)

Note

In accordance with the extension of the First Application Period, the starting day of the Second Application Period which was originally February has been postponed until April.

E. Application Form (form 4) for Second Period

Please make sure that there are enough vacant seats for the date when your group would like to attend the Joint Celebration, before submitting Application Form (form 4) for Second Period to *Sampai* Center **through HIC**. In the event more than one group requests for the same service time slot and there are not enough seats for all participants, we may ask your group to make necessary arrangements.

Updated seat availability information will be provided online.

In regards to pending matters, please leave the relevant boxes blank. However, please make sure to let us know all information requested in the Application Form **no later than four (4) months prior** to your visit by submitting Form for Additions and/or Changes (form 3-1 and/or 3-2).

To confirm your application, *Sampai* Center will send you a confirmation packet including: Itinerary Report (form 2), Confirmation Ceremony related documents, and documents regarding interment at Otani Mausoleum*.

*Documents regarding interment at Otani Mausoleum are available in **Japanese only**. For linguistic support, please contact HIC directly.

F. Form(s) for Additions and/or Changes (form 3-1 and/or 3-2)

Please inform *Sampai* Center **through HIC** of all additions and/or changes of your initial Application Form by submitting the Form for Additions and/or Changes (form 3-1 or 3-2). Please use the appropriate form depending on information being added/changed.

G. Itinerary Form (form 2, This form is NOT attached here.)

In confirming that your application has been received, *Sampai* Center will send you a written notice and blank Itinerary Form (form 2).

Please fill in and submit the Itinerary Form to *Sampai* Center through HIC **no later than two (2) months prior** to your scheduled visit to Hongwanji.

In the event your group includes someone who would like to participate in a Confirmation Ceremony scheduled at Hongwanji on the occasion of the Joint Celebration, please fill out and submit Confirmation Ceremony Application Form to *Sampai* Center through HIC.

The information will be shared by the concerned departments: Reception

Department and Liturgy Department.

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H. Final Notification

Approximately one (1) month prior to your group's visit to Hongwanji, *Sampai* Center will send you a confirmation packet of the following items,

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III. Required Documents

Group Naming

Each group will be referred to by their temple/sangha name and district.

For example, “ABC Buddhist Temple, BCA,”
 “DEF Hongwanji, Hawaii,”
 “Buddhist Church of GHI, JSBTC,”
 “Templo Honpa Hongwanji de JKL, South America”
 “Kathmandu-Hongwanji, Nepal.”

I. Documents required for first application period

Documents to be submitted	Deadlines
Application Form (form 1)	4 months prior to scheduled visit
Itinerary Report (form 2)	2 months prior to scheduled visit
Form(s) for Additions and/or Changes (form 3-1 or 3-2)	As necessary until 4 months prior to visit

J. Documents required for applying for second application period

Documents to be submitted	Deadline
Application Form (form 4)	4 months prior to scheduled visit
Itinerary Report (form 2)	2 months prior to scheduled visit
Form(s) for Additions and/or Changes (form 3-1 or 3-2)	As necessary until 4 months prior to visit

K. Documents to be sent by *Sampai* Center

Content	Schedule
Receipt of Application	Once all necessary forms have been received and arrangements have been made by <i>Sampai</i> Center
Blank Itinerary Form(form 2)	
Information on Confirmation Ceremony	
Final confirmation form	Approximately one (1) month prior to the group’s scheduled visit to Hongwanji
Group Tag	
Bus Tag(s)	
Group Leaders’ Handbook	

IV. Others

L. Monbou Kaikan

Room reservations may be made by those who have applied during the **first application period**.

Reservations will be accepted beginning 9:00 AM, October 1 (Fri), 2021 through 5:00 PM, October 8 (Fri), 2021 (**JST**)

5:00 PM, Sep. 30 (Thu) through 1:00 AM, Oct. 8 (Fri), 2021 in CA USA and BC Canada
8:00 PM, Sep. 30 (Thu) through 4:00 AM, Oct 8 (Fri), 2021 in NY USA and ON Canada
2:00 PM, Sep. 30 (Thu) through 10:00 PM, Oct. 7 (Thu), 2021 in Hawaii USA
10:00 PM Sep. 30 (Thu) through 6:00 AM, Oct 8 (Fri), 2021 in Sao Paulo, Brazil

Room reservations **must be made by FAX using the designated forms**, which will be available at a later date. Rooms will be reserved upon request on a first-come-first-served basis.

★ For interested groups, HIC will assist overseas sanghas in faxing reservations to Monbou Kaikan. All necessary reservation information must be submitted to HIC in advance.

The reservation period for rooms during the Joint Celebration will end at 5:00 PM on October 8, 2021 (JST). Groups will be notified by Monbou Kaikan via HIC of the results by Wednesday, October 20, 2021.

Beginning October 21, 2021, Monbou Kaikan will resume normal reservation operations.

It is requested that each group inform HIC of their room allocation at least one (1) month prior to their arrival. In order to accommodate as many guests as possible, please refrain from reserving a multiple occupancy room for one person.

M. Rest / Dining Areas

The **3rd-floor** meeting room(s) and **Basement level 1** of Monbou Kaikan will be reserved as dining areas **11:20 AM - 1:20 PM (two shifts)** only for groups ordering lunch through *Sampai* Center. The facilities will be open to everyone during other hours.

The following lunch shifts have been designated. Please indicate which shift your group would like to reserve.

Shift (time)	Morning Observance	Morning Observance and Confirmation Ceremony	Afternoon Observance
1 (11:20 AM–12:10 PM)	●	●	●
2 (12:30–1:20 PM)		●	●

We appreciate your understanding for possible changes/arrangement(s).

N. Lunch

To be announced.

O. Commemorative Picture Taking

To be announced.

P. Confirmation Ceremony

This will be a great opportunity to take part in a Confirmation Ceremony and receive a Buddhist name at Hongwanji. The Ceremony will be conducted twice daily following each service of the Joint Celebration, around **11:45 AM** and **3:45 PM**.

Exceptions

Due to special programs, the Confirmation Ceremony will take place immediately following the Daily Morning Service and at 1:30 PM on the following days:

April 29 (Sat), May 6 (Sat), May 7 (Sun), May 18 (Thu), May 19 (Fri), May 20 (Sat)

Confirmation Ceremony will only be conducted once on May 21 (Sun) at the conclusion of the Daily Morning Service.

Application

To confirm your group's registration for the Joint Celebration, a confirmation packet of information including Confirmation Ceremony Application Form will be sent to you from *Sampai* Center. Please fill in and submit the Confirmation Ceremony Application Form together with Itinerary Form (form 2) to *Sampai* Center through HIC **no later than two (2) months prior** to your visit to Hongwanji.

Changes/Additions to your registration will be accepted up to 20 days prior to your visit.

Same-day registration will not be available during the Joint Celebration.

Myogakin donation

The following *Myogakin* donation is required for the Confirmation Ceremony.

Adult (20 years old and older) **10,000 yen**
Minor (19 years old or younger) **5,000 yen**

Please consult with HIC regarding how to make *Myogakin* donation payment.

Buddhist name request

To request a specific Buddhist name, the request must be submitted **at least two (2) months prior** to the day of the Ceremony, and an additional 10,000 yen to the above-mentioned *Myogakin* is required. For further information, please contact HIC.

Q. Interment at Otani Mausoleum

If you would like to visit Otani Mausoleum as a group to inter someone's remain on the occasion of Joint Celebration, please consult with HIC in advance.

For a group visit without internment, please check the box for "Visitation to Otani Mausoleum" on the Joint Celebration Application Form.