



## DHARMA LIGHT Buddhist Studies Program

**Sundays April 15,22,29, May 6, 2018  
at the Pearl City Hongwanji Mission**

### ***The ABC's of Buddhism: Universal Teachings***

**Instructors: Dexter Mar, Rev. Mari Nishiyama**

What is Buddhism? Learn the terminology, concepts, and history of “original” Buddhism and understand the common source of all Buddhist paths and the connection to the Jodo Shinshu path.

Designed for those new to Buddhism, this course covers the fundamental aspects of Buddhism. Through the study of its foundational elements—teachings, rituals, and stories—this course introduces the various beliefs and practices of one of the world’s major religions. Portions of the PBS documentary, “The Buddha”, will be used to enhance understanding.



#### **Course Learning Opportunities**

By the end of the course we will have had the opportunity to:

- Comprehend the historical context for and development of the Buddhist tradition.
- Examine the basic beliefs and practices of Buddhism.
- Develop an understanding and appreciation for the unity and diversity of the various paths in Buddhism.

#### **Class Pre-requisites**

None. Bring your questions for informal discussion.

#### **About the instructors:**

**Dexter Mar:** Minister Lay Assistant and Buddhist Study Center Program Chair.

**Rev. Mari Nishiyama:** Resident Minister of Pearl City Hongwanji Mission, a Shin Buddhist Temple

**WHEN:** Sundays at 9:45-11:15 am, April 15,22,29, May 6

**WHERE:** Pearl City Hongwanji Mission, 858 2nd St, Pearl City, HI 96782, Wisteria Room

**COST:** \$20 per person, **due at 1<sup>st</sup> class** in cash or preferably by check made out the "HHMH".  
(Tuition assistance and scholarships are available.)

**PRE-REGISTRATION:** Sign up at the Temple Office and pay at first class.  
Or call the Buddhist Study Center (808) 973-6555 to pre-register.

**QUESTIONS:** Contact Rev. Nishiyama (808) 455-1680 or email: [hpearlcity@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:hpearlcity@hawaii.rr.com)