



DHARMA LIGHT Buddhist Studies Program

**Saturdays at 10-11am, April 7-May 19, 2018  
at the Aiea Hongwanji Mission**

## ***First Steps in Understanding Shin Buddhism***

**Instructors: Dexter Mar, Rev. Shawn Yagi**

What is the Shin Buddhist way of living? Learn the terminology, concepts, rituals, and services of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism to understand how to find peace and happiness.

The course goal is to help newcomers to Jodo Shinshu (Shin) Buddhism gain a basic understanding the terminology, concepts and rituals in an informal, question & answer setting.

### **Course Learning Opportunities**

By the end of the course newcomers to Shin Buddhism will have had the opportunity to:

1. Be familiar with the basic terminology of Shin and General Buddhism
2. Be familiar with the connection between Shin and General Buddhism
3. Be familiar with Shinran Shonin and his story.
4. Be familiar with the connection between Shinran, Shakyamuni & Amida
5. Be familiar with the reason for and meaning of the service rituals
6. Be familiar with the history and impact of Shin Buddhism in Hawaii

### **Class Pre-requisites**

None. Bring your questions

### **About the instructors:**

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

**Rev. Shawn Yagi:** Resident Minister of Aiea Hongwanji Mission, a Shin Buddhist Temple

**WHEN:** Saturdays at 10-11am, April 7, 14, 21,28, May 5, 12, 19, 2018

**WHERE:** Aiea Hongwanji Mission, 99-186 Puakala St, Aiea, HI 96701

**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. Yagi (808) 487-2626 or email: [contact@aieahongwanji.org](mailto:contact@aieahongwanji.org)

