



DHARMA LIGHT Buddhist Studies Program

Saturdays May 26, June 2, 9,16 2018
at the Puna Hongwanji Mission

First Steps in Understanding Shin Buddhism

Instructors: Dexter Mar, Rev. Satoshi Tomioka

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. Satoshi Tomioka: Resident Minister of Puna Hongwanji Mission, a Shin Buddhist Temple

WHEN: Saturdays: **May 26 (2-430pm), June 2, 9,16 (10am-12:30pm), 2018**

WHERE: Puna Hongwanji Mission, 16-492 Old Volcano Rd, Keaau, HI 96749

COST: \$20 per person, **due at 1st 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. Tomioka (808) 966-9981

