



During this year’s seminar, I would like us to think about peace by using the process of listening (*mon* 聞), deep thinking (*shi* 思), and internalization and implementing (*shū* 修).

**Mon 聞:**

This means to listen over and over again. To do this requires the skill of deep listening. We should listen to the words of Buddha’s Wisdom over and over again. In this seminar we will read passages together so that we can practice listening to what Buddha is trying to teach us.

**Shi 思:**

*Mon* leads to the second step of *shi* - deep thinking. By being exposed to the words of Buddha’s Wisdom, we may have questions such as “What does this mean?”, or we might say, “I don’t get it.”, “I don’t think so,” etc. This process of deep thinking is very important so we will have discussions and question/response time to help us process what we have heard.

**Shū 修:**

By listening and thinking, the words of Buddha’s Wisdom begin to become internalized within us. I would like us to visit how our Buddhist masters and teachers actually dealt with the issue of peace to help guide us to understanding what each and every one of us can do.

**CLASS SCHEDULE**

(Times are Hawaii Standard Time)

**Monday, July 12, 2021**

4:45pm Meeting room open  
 5-7pm Session (Opening Service) starts  
 Lecture: Rev. Kodo Umezu  
**Peace through Buddha-dharma**  
 (Opening remarks and introduction)

**Tuesday, July 13, 2021**

4:45pm Meeting room open  
 5-7pm Lecture: Rev. Kodo Umezu  
**“Inner Peace”**

**Wednesday, July 14, 2021**

4:45pm Meeting room open  
 5-7pm Lecture: Rev. Kodo Umezu  
**“Every Day Peace”**

**Thursday, July 15, 2021**

4:45pm Meeting room open  
 5-7pm Lecture: Rev. Kodo Umezu  
**“World Peace”**

**Friday, July 16, 2021**

4:45pm Meeting room open  
 5-7pm Session (Closing Service) starts  
 Lecture: Rev. Kodo Umezu  
**Peace through Buddha-dharma**  
 (Closing remarks and summary)

**Rev. Kodo Umezu**

*After 47 years of dedicated ministry and service to the Buddhist Churches of America, Rev. Kodo Umezu, Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America, retired from the BCA ministry on March 31, 2020. Prior to assuming the position of Bishop and Superintendent of the Hongwanji-ha North America District in 2012, Rev. Umezu served as the resident minister at the Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple, Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, and the Buddhist Church of Oakland. Additionally, Rev. Umezu also served as the Director of the BCA Center for Buddhist Education, and Chancellor of the Institute of Buddhist Studies.*



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## Peace through Buddha-dharma

“Wherever the Buddha travels, be it country, province, town, or village, there is no place which does not benefit from his virtue. Peace and harmony reign throughout the land. The sun and the moon shine brightly, the wind and rain are timely, and no disaster or disease ever occurs. The land is prosperous and the people live in peace, so there is no need to use soldiers and weapons. People respect virtue, cultivate benevolence, and diligently observe propriety and humility.”

(The Larger Sutra, Vol. II, Sec. 40)

The Buddha said to Maitreya,

“However, the most difficult of all difficulties is to hear this sutra and accept it with the entrusting heart: nothing surpasses this difficulty. Therefore, I have thus presented the Dharma, thus preached it, and thus taught it. You should accept it in trust and practice in accord with it.”

(The Larger Sutra, Vol. II, Sec. 47)

As the above section of the Larger Sutra states, the most difficult of all difficulties is to hear and accept the true essence of the Dharma. Yet, we are given this wonderful opportunity to hear the teaching now. It is extremely rare for anyone to encounter the heart of the Dharma. However, many masters and teachers, out of deep love and wish for all of us, have left with us countless number of writings and sayings. It is our privilege to find out the meaning contained in their messages.



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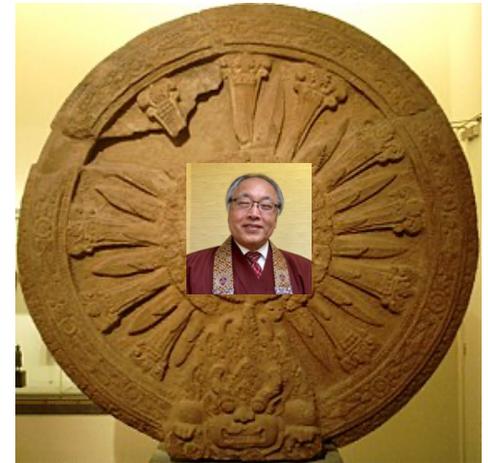
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