

*Kauai Hongwanji Council Nembutsu Seminar*

## The Tragedy of Rājagṛha

# What did Shinran Shōnin want to tell us?

Wednesday, October 20, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm (HST): Zoom

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra



Shinran Shōnin devoted much space to quote the Tragedy of Rājagṛha (Rajgir) from the Nirvana Sutra, in the Chapter of the True Shinjin of the Pure Land Way in *Ken jōdo shinjitsu kyōgyōshō monrui*, also known as *Kyōgyōshinshō*. What was his intention? The tragedy happened in the royal family of Magadha kingdom at the time of Śākyamuni. The wicked son, Prince Ajātaśatru, imprisoned his father King Bimbisara and mother Queen Vaidehī. His father eventually died in the prison. It all happened by various karmic conditions. Ajātaśatru suffered from the guilt of murdering his father and consulted the Buddha. What was the Buddha's advice, and what happened to Ajātaśatru? In this seminar, we discuss the way how a sinful human can be spiritually liberated.

Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra was born in Kyoto, Japan, and graduated from Kyoto Women's University, founded by Lady Takeko Kujo. While being an active member in California, she aspired to study Buddhism and attended Kyoto Chuo-Bukkyo Gakuin, and Institute do Buddhist Studies (M.A.), Ryukoku University (M.A.), and Ryukoku University (Ph.D.) she received Hongwanji Gakkai Hokyo. She is currently the resident minister of the Orange County Buddhist Church (OCBC) in California and the Institute of Buddhist Study instructor.

Her research and teaching interests are the history of Shin Buddhism in premodern, the history of Shin Buddhist thought in modernism in America, and Women and Shin Buddhism in America. She is a co-translator of *Leaves of My Hear* by Lady Takeko Kujo.

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