

Kauai Hongwanji Council Nembutsu Seminar

A Look at Shinran Shonin's Life and Thought

Friday, November 18, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm (HST): Zoom

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji



Shinran Shonin, the founder of the Jodo Shinshu school of Buddhism, sought enlightenment while practicing as a Tendai monk on Mt. Hiei. But as we look at the various episodes that develop in his life, we will come to see how he gradually turns over to the Great Working of Amida Buddha. How did this happen? What does this mean? What can it mean for us?

In this seminar, he will provide possible interpretations as to how certain events in Shinran's life helped to shape his religious thought. In addition, we will look at some of his writing to see what are the key points in his teaching, which will bring forth to light just how significant his contribution was to the development of Buddhism as a whole.

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji is currently a minister at Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church since August 1, 2020. In addition, he teaches at the Institute of Buddhist Studies located in Berkeley, California. His previous assignment as a minister was at Tacoma Buddhist Temple from December 2017 to July 31, 2020.

He graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy and Japanese language and literature, Institute of Buddhist Studies at Berkeley, California with a Master's Degree in Buddhist Studies, Ryukoku University in Kyoto, Japan with a Master's Degree in Shin Buddhist Studies, and completed the doctoral coursework at Ryukoku University. He specializes in the areas of Japanese Buddhism and religion, translation of Buddhist scripture, and Jodo Shinshu doctrine and ethics.

Rev. Miyaji received his Tokudo and Kyoshi qualifications at the Honpa Hongwanji school located in Kyoto, Japan. He also obtained the academic ranking of *Hokyō* recognized within Hongwanji. He most recently completed his doctoral dissertation entitled, "Shin Buddhist Ethics," through Ryukoku University.

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