



DHARMA LIGHT Buddhist Studies Program

**Saturdays at 10-11am, Nov 12 – Dec 17, 2016
at Hongwanji Betsuin Shin Buddhist Temple**

First Steps in Understanding Shin Buddhism

Instructors: Ministers Barbara Brennan and Charlene Kihara

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:

Barbara Brennan: Recently ordained Hongwanji priest and member of Hawaii Betsuin Temple

Charlene Kihara: Recently ordained Hongwanji priest and member of Hawaii Betsuin Temple

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WHEN: Saturdays at 10-11am, Nov 12, 19, 26, Dec 3, 10, 17

WHERE: Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, 1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI

COST: \$20 per person (Tuition assistance and scholarships are available.)
Call (808) 973-6551 to pre-register.