



DHARMA LIGHT Buddhist Studies Program

**Thursday 6-8pm, May 17, 2018
at the Buddhist Study Center of Hawaii**

American Buddhism: Re-invention or Re-discovery?

Panelist: Drs. Jeff Wilson and George Tanabe Moderator: Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki

Buddhism was introduced into the United States as early as the 1850's by Asian immigrants and found again in the 1950's by the literary "Beat Generation". What is "American Buddhism" today and where is it going? Does a new form of Buddhism need to be re-invented for acceptance in America, or do we go "back to the future" and re-discover the Universal Teachings of Sakyamuni?



Explore what over 160 years of the American Buddhist experience tells us about the needs and wants of American society. What resonates with today's American public?

Forum format: Professors Tanabe and Wilson will respond to questions posed by the moderator, Rev. Kuniyuki, then questions & comments will be taken from the audience.

Learning Opportunities

1. Become familiar with the history & influences of Buddhism in America
2. Become familiar with the diversity and terminology of American Buddhism
3. Become familiar with what Americans think about Buddhism.
4. Learn how to connect with people "outside the box" of the temple community

About the Speakers:

Dr. George Tanabe: Emeritus Professor of Religion, University of Hawaii at Mānoa; President BDK America

Dr. Jeff Wilson: Associate Professor of religious studies and East Asian studies at Renison University College, Ontario Canada; Numata Professor of Religion at University of Hawaii at Mānoa

Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki: Director, Buddhist Study Center

WHO: Who should attend? Ministers, temple presidents, lay leaders, those with inquiring minds

WHEN: Thursday 6-8pm, May 17, 2018

WHERE: Buddhist Study Center, 1436 University Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96822

COST: No charge, donations accepted

REFRESHMENTS: Beverages and light snacks will be available.

QUESTIONS & PRE-REGISTRATION: Call the Buddhist Study Center (808) 973-6555