

Kauai Hongwanji Council Nembutsu Seminar

An Introduction to the Essence and Practice of Shin Buddhism (2)

Nembutsu Meditation and the Meaning of Amida Buddha and Pure Land for Everyday Understanding

Saturday, April 10, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm (HST): Zoom

Guest Speaker: Dr. Rev. Kenneth Kenshin Tanaka

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Jodo-Shinshu Priest



- Nembutsu meditation: a way to better appreciate the teachings of “impermanence” and “interdependence”
- Shinjin realization and entrusting: an experience in our lives that give deep meaning to our lives
- Rational and “everyday” ways to talk about Amida and Pure Land, which is sought by many people today who are educated with a scientific outlook on life and the world.

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Kenshin Tanaka grew up and attended Dharma School at the Mt. View Buddhist Temple. While being an active member of the Young Buddhist Association (YBA), he aspired to study Buddhism, which he did at Stanford Univ. (B.A.), a temple in Thailand, Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS)(M.A.), Tokyo University (M.A.), and Univ. of California at Berkeley (Ph.D.).

After serving as Associate Professor and Assistant Dean at IBS for 10 years and a resident priest for 3 years at the Southern Alameda Country Buddhist Church, a Jodo Shinshu temple in California, Dr. Tanaka taught as Professor of Buddhist Studies at Musashino University for 20 years. He currently serves as Chairman of the Editorial Committee of the Chinese Buddhist Canon English Translation Project sponsored by the Society for the Promotion of Buddhism (BDK). He was recently appointed Adjunct Researcher at the Hongwanji Comprehensive Research Center. He is the former President of the Int. Assoc. of Shin Buddhist Studies as well as the Japanese Assoc. for the Study of Buddhism and Psychology.

His publications include *The Dawn of Chinese Pure Land Buddhist Doctrine* (The State Univ. of New York, 1990), *Ocean: An Introduction to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in America* (Wisdom Ocean Publication, 1997), *The Faces of Buddhism in America* (co-editor) (Univ. of California Press, 1998), *Amerika bukkyo* (in Japanese, meaning “American Buddhism”) (Musashino University, 2010), *Buddhism on Air: Kaleidoscope of a Growing Religion* (Buddhist Education Center, 2015) and edited *Chi'e no ushio – Shinran no chi'e, shutaisei and shakaisei* (in Japanese, meaning “The Tide of Wisdom: Shinran’s Wisdom, Subjectivity and Social Dimension”) (Musashino University, 2017). His books have been translated into Japanese, Chinese, and Portuguese.

He is the 2017 recipient of the 27th Nakamura Hajime Eastern Study Prize, awarded in conjunction with the Indian Embassy in Tokyo to scholars who distinguish themselves in the field of Indian and Buddhist studies. He was the object of a one-hour NHK Educational Television documentary series entitled “The Age of Kokoro (heart/mind)” on April 8, 2018 (to be aired again on August 11, 2019).

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“Registration Deadline Sunday, April 4”

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