



CLASS SCHEDULE

(Times are Hawaii Standard Time)

Friday, October 15, 2021

- 6pm Registration
- 6:30pm Introductions
- 7pm Opening Service
- 7:30pm Workshop I
- 9pm Close

Saturday, October 16, 2021

- 9am Morning Service & Review
- 9:30am Workshop II
Lecture
Workshop III
- 12:30pm Lunch
- 1:30pm Workshop IV
Workshop V
- 5pm Dinner
- 6pm Practice Session
- 7pm Evening Service & Review
- 9pm Close

Sunday, October 17, 2021

- 9am Sunday Service & Review
- 10am Workshop VI
- 11am Workshop VII
- 12:30pm Lunch
- 1:30pm Workshop VIII
- 2:30pm Closing Service & Review
- 3:30pm Retreat Summary & Reflection
- 4:30pm End of Retreat

Faculty

Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki, Director
Buddhist Study Center

Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani,
Resident minister of Moiliili
Hongwanji Mission

Dexter Mar, Certified
Minister Lay Assistant (MLA)
Hawaii Betsuin

Chenxing Han, Scholar-
Chaplain-Author of "Be The
Refuge-Raising the Voices of
Asian-American Buddhists"

Purpose of the Retreat

To review and enrich the knowledge of the participants in the rituals and traditions of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha, General Buddhism and Shin Buddhism. All of the knowledge and skills that are associated with functioning as a Minister's Lay Assistant will be covered during the retreat. The retreat is an opportunity to learn and/or refresh one's skills and knowledge that is associated with the role of a Minister's Lay Assistant, but completion does not result in certification. The conditions of certification are presented in the document Shin Buddhist Ministry in Hawaii. This retreat can be taken many times so long as it remains meaningful and helpful to the participant.

Who can apply?

Anyone who has been selected and designated by their resident minister or rinban as a Minister's Lay Assistant at their temple and is actively working with their minister mentor at their temple. Also, anyone who is a Certified Minister's Lay Assistant and is actively working with their minister mentor at their temple. In both cases their application form must be signed by the resident minister or rinban of their temple.

All participants must be fully COVID-19 vaccinated.

What is a Minister's Lay Assistant (MLA)?

A Resident Minister, seeing in a lay member of his/her temple a spirit of devotion, maturity, potential, and a great willingness to serve the temple, may approach that individual and ask him or her to become a Minister's Lay Assistant.

From that point on, this person will study and train under this Resident Minister who will serve as mentor.

With training – and at the Resident Minister's discretion – the Lay Assistant may begin helping at Sundays or other services, by taking care of the altar set up, ringing the gong during chanting, and other duties assigned by the Resident Minister.

Under the authority of the Resident Minister, the Minister's Lay Assistant might lead the chanting when the minister is not available, and talk to temple visitors.

Through their study and training, the Resident Minister may gradually increase the Minister's Lay Assistant's responsibilities and eventually allow them to lead adult Dharma discussions, and to give talks during Sunday Service (for example, in the Resident Ministers absence).

The Minister's Lay Assistant serves in this capacity only at the temple at which he/she is a member and always under the authority of that temple's Resident Minister.

The Resident Minister should inform the Bishop when appointing anyone as a Minister's Lay Assistant.

Minister's Lay Assistants do not receive a salary.

Registration

Registration Form available on the BSC website: www.bsawahii.org under "Programs"

Resident temple minister recommendation and signature required.

Questions? Please call:

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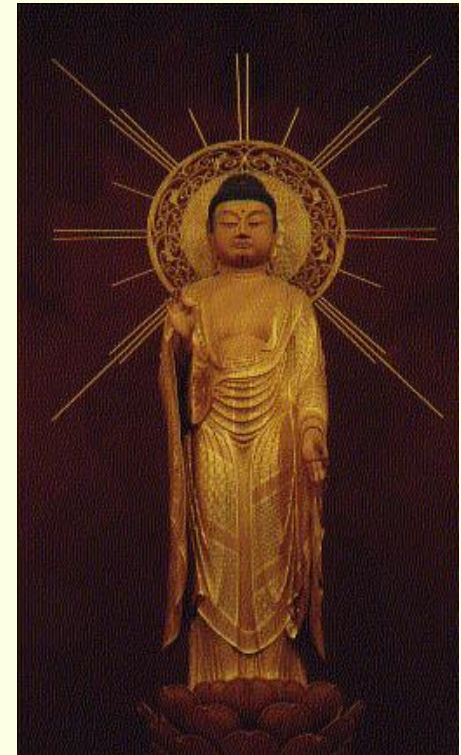


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