

# BUDDHIST EDUCATION DIVISION

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Since the Jodo Shinshu Tradition was established with Shinran Shonin's writing of *Kyogyoshinsho* in 1224, it is important and appropriate to provide a Buddhist education considering its essence and doctrinal aspects.

At the same time, it is important to create a content of class and format which will lead people to receive the mind of awakening from Amida Buddha, and to have them relate the teaching to their life, bring the Buddha's wisdom to social issues, build a community of understanding Buddha's equanimity, encourage individual temple to have series of Buddhism classes which can cause transformation to occur in people's life guided by Amida Buddha's Primal Vow.

The goal of Buddhist Education is to share joy of being embraced by the Buddha of Vigorous Compassion and Transcending Wisdom which resonate in our human life of struggles and brings us the warmth of the great embrace. Touched by joy, it is our wish that people live the life of Nembutsu with self-reflection through Amida Buddha and contribute for the realization of society in which everyone can live a life of spiritual fulfillment.

*Kyogyoshinsho* is a doctrinal writing based on the systematic structure of Buddhism. It shows the way of attaining enlightenment (sho) through reciting the Name of Amida Buddha (gyo) caused by entrusting heart (shin) which is taught in the Larger Sutra (Kyo). Therefore, the topics will be according to this structure. Also, practical and relatable Buddhist education class and activities are needed to reach out to the current existing diverse members and also to the public.

Buddhist education consist of 4 main topics:

1. Significance of the establishment of Jodo Shinshu Tradition
2. Essence of *Kyogyoshinsho*
3. Transmission of Jodo Shinshu from the past to present
4. The world is waiting for Buddhism and Shinran Shonin