



## 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Buddhist Study Center Summer Session *Big Island Satellite Seminars*

August 10-12, 2024

### “Shifting From ‘Please’ to ‘Thank You’ – A Path to Awakening”

#### A contemporary interpretation of Shin Buddhism

In ancient times, the unknown world was explained in mythical form with deities and the afterlife being prominent. Relating traditional myths to our modern life has its limits. We will reverse this method of going from the past to the present. By using our current knowledge from science and psychology, we will reveal the practical and spiritual benefits of Shin.

For those seeking solutions to common concerns, Shin has provided a path for ordinary people for 800 years.

Each session will be an interactive workshop that leads to an experience of the benefits of Shin Buddhism. This is a practical guide of how being a Shin Buddhist in the 21<sup>st</sup> century can resolve many issues.

Rev. Akahoshi’s retreats and workshops use innovative methods that he learned from leading philosophers, psychologists, and Buddhist teachers. Using these interactive methods, he will share an effective, simple practice of gratitude.

Come learn how to bring joy into the flow of ordinary life. For more information and registration, select this link: <https://forms.gle/bRZkhg7YUF3jqyqu9> or call (808) 854-9536/ email: BSCSummerSession@gmail.com.

**Free and Open to the Public** Held In-person and via Zoom

Aug. 10 (Saturday) - **Shifting From “Please” to “Thank You” --A Path of Awakening.** Hosted by Kona Hongwanji  
5pm

Aug. 11 (Sunday) - **What is Shin Buddhism?** - Hosted by Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin  
2pm

Aug. 12 (Monday) - **What is the Relationship Between Amida Buddha and Shakyamuni Buddha?** - Hosted by Kamuela Hongwanji  
9am

#### About the presenter Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi:

**Education:** Univ California San Francisco Dental School (DDS), Institute of Transpersonal Psychology (MATP), and the Institute of Buddhist Studies (MBS).

**Experience:** USAF Capt. In Misawa, Japan. 30 years private dental practice in San Jose, California. San Jose Betsuin Board President. Chaplain at the Santa Clara County Juvenile Hall. Former head minister of the Buddhist Temple of San Diego. Retreat leader, author, teacher.

Suggested tax-deductible donation, 3 sessions \$30, single sessions \$10.

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