

2017 Summer BEC Classes

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This summer, six separate classes highlighting the lives of important Buddhist figures, will be offered on Sundays from 10:00 to 11:00 am in the Kodo (Mini-Chapel). Each session will begin with a short service and chanting of the *Juseige*. No fees or registration!! Meditation Service will also be held beforehand from 8:30 to 9:30 am.

"Rennyō, as Revitalizer" with Reverend Mutsumi Wondra July 23

What did Rennyō Shōnin (1415 - 1499), eighth abbot of the Jōdo Shinshū school of Shin Buddhism do to revitalize his tradition? We can learn a lot from him as the restorer.

"Bodhisattva Dharmakara, Hero of the Larger Sutra" July 30

with Reverend Marvin Harada

In the *Larger Sutra*, Shakyamuni Buddha relates a timeless story about a Bodhisattva named Dharmakara. What does this story teach us about the contents of the heart of a Buddha?

"Yonezawa, Both Priest and Layperson" August 6

with Jim Pollard, Minister's Assistant

Dr. Hideo Yonezawa, a physician, lived and taught the Shin Buddhist way of life in 20th century Japan. He said, "We are not a priest or a layperson by secular definitions. Rather, through our everyday activities we may come to embody the life of a priest."

"Dogen, as Reinterpreter" with Reverend Jon Turner August 13

Does a dog have Buddha Nature? Dogen rewords this *koan* as "Is a dog Buddha Nature?" By doing so he reinterprets practice as an activity wherein one experiences suchness itself.

"Encountering the Light: Lessons from Life and Death" August 20

With Janis Hirohama, Minister's Assistant

In *Coffinman: The Journal of a Buddhist Mortician*, Shinmon Aoki explores how facing mortality can awaken us to a deeper understanding and appreciation of life.

"Physically Challenged but Mindfully Awake" August 27

with Ron Taber, Minister's Assistant

We explore Hisako Nakamura's path to spiritual realization without hands to place in *gassho*. All attending will receive a complimentary copy of her biography, *Hands and Feet of the Heart*.

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