

PURE LAND - Here and Now

Ho-on-ko Lecture

November 23, 2019

Saturday 2:00pm

Buddhist Temple of Chicago



Guest Speaker:

Rev. Ken Yamada

Shinshu Center of America

Rev. Ken Yamada was born in Oakland, California and attended Berkeley Higashi Honganji temple as a child. He graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, with a major in sociology focused on Kamakura period Buddhism. He attended the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley, and Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin in Kyoto, but encountered difficulties in learning Buddhism and dropped out. He worked as a newspaper reporter in Los Angeles, New York and San Francisco, and later became a magazine editor. He rediscovered Buddhism, re-entered the ministry and served 13 years at the Berkeley temple. Two years ago, he became editor of Higashi Honganji's Shinshu Center of America, overseeing its English publications, including its on-line presence on Facebook and Twitter.

In this lecture, we will learn how the stereotype of Jodo Shinshu ("Pure Land True Essence") as a belief in going to a paradise after death is not at all what Shinran Shonin taught. Rev. Yamada will present how Shinran presented the Pure Land as a symbol of the life, here and now, in which we appreciate and meaningfully participate.

Free and open to the public (donations appreciated)

Rev. Yamada will also be guest speaker at the Ho-on-ko service on Sunday, November 24 at 11am. All are invited to join us in honoring the life and teachings of Shinran Shonin.

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