

Throughout the 2,500 years of its history, Buddhism has evolved over the years to meet the spiritual needs of the people. Our Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple is an affiliate of one of the oldest and largest denominations in Japan, the *Shinshu Otani-ha* with approximately 10,000 temples and 10,000,000 members. It espouses the teachings of Jodo Shinshu (also known as Shin Buddhism, a form of Pure Land Buddhism). The Honganji tradition traces its beginning to Shinran Shonin (1173-1262), a priest of the Kamakura Period and a student of Honen Shonin, the founder of the Jodo Sect. The central practice of listening to the Buddhadharma (teachings) was Shinran's conviction in opening a path to enlightenment for all.

Our temple offers a spiritual environment which cultivates individual exploration based on the Buddhadharma. Through self-reflection, we are encouraged to strive for harmony with respect for the differences in our diverse community.

APSS Power Trip: Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple

Saturday, September 28, 2008 | 10:00 am – 5:00 pm | \$10

Join Asian Pacific Student Services for an empowering field trip to Little Tokyo, one of America's three official Japantowns, as we observe of the fall equinox of seasonal change from summer to autumn at the Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple. We will gather to celebrate the teachings of the Buddha. Rev. Nobuko Miyoshi will explore *Honan*. It was during this era that Japanese Buddhism underwent intense renewal, giving birth to new paths to enlightenment and spreading to every level of society. Come explore what Honan meant to Shinran Shonin, a pupil of Honan and the founder of the Jodo Shinshu (or True Pure Land) sect in Japan. And reflect upon the significance of *Honan* to our lives today. *This Power Trip also includes a guided walking tour of Little Tokyo and lunch.*

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Reverend Nobuko Miyoshi

Reverend Nobuko Miyoshi has served at the Higashi Honganji Betsuin since 2004. Reverend Miyoshi was born in Toyama, Japan, into a ministerial family, with both her parents having served as ministers in Japan for many years, as well as her brother, who is also currently serving as a minister in Japan. In 1997, she received her Masters of Arts degree from Shizuoka University in Japan. Continuation of her studies at Otani University led to her First Ordination (*Tokudo* status) and Full Ordination (*Kyoshi* Status) in 2000. In 2001, Reverend Miyoshi came to the United States to study at the Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS) in Berkeley. Later in 2001, she was introduced to Rinban Noriaki Ito, which led to her addition to the Higashi Honganji Betsuin office staff to assist during school breaks. In 2004, Reverend Miyoshi graduated from IBS with a Masters degree in Religious Studies, then began her career at the Betsuin. In 2008, she returned to Japan to train at the Higashi Honganji headquarters in Kyoto to receive her *Kaikyoshi* (Overseas Status) and is currently working as a full-time minister at the Betsuin.