

750th Memorial for Shinran Shonin Group Participation Guidebook

(Please remove this guidebook and take as your reference on the trip)

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Shinran Shonin's 750th Memorial is observed at 10:00 a.m.

- A pre-service session is conducted 30 minutes prior to each service.
- Participants are required to be seated from the beginning of the pre-service session.
- The Hongwanji Goeido (Founder's Hal) will have 3500 chairs to accommodate the participants to the services.

Schedule for Shinran Shonin's 750th memorial service at Honzan:

May 15, 2011 (Sunday)

9:30am Pre-service session

10:00am

11:00am Service ends

About 3,500 people will be attending the memorial service. It will take about 30 minutes to get out from Goeido.

Confirmation Ceremony

12:30 pm Lunch at Honzan Dining Area

(if you pre-order Annon Bento)

DINING AREA

A facility will be constructed in the Hongwanji parking lot that will be used as a dining area for the groups attending the services. Due to limitation of the space, the dining area will be available to each group only for limited hours which will be informed to each group later.

COMMEMORATIVE PICTURE

Various locations will be designated for taking group pictures in the Hongwanji precinct. To avoid congestion in the precinct, we kindly request that everyone please refrain from taking group pictures except in the specified locations.

EARLY MORNING SERVICE

Early morning service is conducted daily from 6:00 a.m.

For early morning service, there is no designated seating. Your group may sit anywhere that is open.

COMMEMORATIVE GIFT

Each participant attending the Memorial will receive a commemorative gift.

COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

The events in commemoration of the 750th Memorial for Shinran Shonin will be conducted in the Hongwanji precinct (including Monbou Kaikan) and the Hongwanji neighborhood. The Hongwanji and the neighboring shops are planning to hold a variety of events which enable the temple town to more actively participate and utilize its nostalgic atmosphere, centered on the Hongwanji Dendoin and Ryukoku Museum.

Events in the Hongwanji precinct

In addition to some commemorative events, Shoin, Hiunkaku, and Karamon will be open to the public. A self-guided tour of Shoin and Hiunkaku takes about 30 minutes.

Events in the Hongwanji neighborhood

Hongwanji and the neighboring town will be working in cooperation to sponsor a variety of events.

Events at Monbou Kaikan

Several events and displays are planned at the Monbou Kaikan.

RYUKOKU MUSEUM

Ryukoku Museum is a facility which contributes to the “Protection and Use of Cultural Properties,” one of the objectives included in the “Hongwanji Long-term Project of the 750th Memorial for Shinran Shonin.” For Ryukoku University, the construction of the museum is a part of their 370th Anniversary Project.

Ryukoku University, which has 370-year history, possesses a vast variety of important academic materials including national treasures and important cultural properties. It is well-known worldwide that the university owns more than 9,000 items which were collected from India and China by the Otani Expedition organized by the 22nd Hongwanji Monshu Kozui Ohtani. Many of these artifacts will be on exhibit.

A Self-guided tour takes about 45 minutes. The exhibition in the museum is planned to show the history and expansion of Buddhism, including the origin of Buddhism, introduction of Buddhism into Japan, and the development of different Buddhist schools.

SHINRAN EXHIBITION

Shinshu Kyodan Rengo (lit., “Shinshu Buddhist school federation”) comprised of the ten Jodo Shinshu sects including ours, Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha, plans to conduct a joint Exhibition of Shinran Shonin in commemoration of the 750th Memorial for Shinran Shonin and the 750th anniversary of its establishment.

For the exhibition, each of the affiliated orders will present their owned cultural properties, such as Shinran Shonin’s writings.

The exhibition is scheduled in Kyoto during the spring 2011 and in Tokyo during the Fall 2011.

Kyoto exhibition information

Dates: March 18, 2011 – May 29, 2011

Site: Kyoto Municipal Museum of Art

Sponsors: Shinshu Kyodan Rengo, Kyoto Municipal Museum of Art, and others

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE

A total of 315 people in 13 tour groups from 21 different temples and HQs in Hawaii will be attending the Shinran Shonin's 750th Memorial Service. 208 people will be participating in the 14th World BWA Convention (as of 11/15/2010). Hawaii participants will be staying at 8 different hotels located near the Honzan and Kyoto Station. The HHMH HQ group will include Bishop Eric and Tamayo Matsumoto, Rev. Koho Takata.

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

From May 13 to 18, 2011, JTB will open the special desk for Hawaii Kyodan in the lobby area of Rihga Royal Hotel. Ms. Mika Kobayashi, Manager of JTB USA, will be taking care of the desk. If you need any assistance for shopping, restaurant, health problem, etc., you may contact the desk. The direct phone number will be announced later to group leaders who make entire trip by JTB. Bishop Matsumoto and Rev. Takata will also be housed at Rhiga Royal.

14th World Buddhist Women's Convention (May 16-17, 2011 – Honzan and Pulse Plaza)

REGISTRATION

May 15- 16 (Sun.- Mon.) – Hopefully all registration materials will be delivered to each participant's hotel ahead of time. Please keep the following with you at all times: Onenju, Montoshikisho, Sutra Book, Passport (copy), Hawaii's yellow eye-lash yarn identity lei. (Registration fee 20,000 yen = \$238)

BUS TRANSPORTATION – (cost \$25)

May 16 (Monday) – JTB will provide transportation from participants' hotels to Honzan; Participants are to use the Convention shuttle buses to go to Pulse Plaza for workshops and fellowship dinner. JTB will provide transportation from Pulse Plaza to all participants' hotels at the close of the day.

May 17 (Tuesday) – JTB will provide transportation to and from all participants' hotels and Pulse Plaza.

WORKSHOPS (all conducted at Pulse Plaza on Monday, May 16)

- * Welcome Drink, Magic Class: 1:45-2:15, 2:45-3:15, 3; 45-4:15
- * Workshop on Tea Ceremony: 1:15-2:00, 2:30-3:15, 3:45-4:30
- * Workshop on Origami: 1:00-1:30, 2:00-2:30, 3:30-4:00
- * Workshop on Calligraphy: 1:30-2:15, 2:40-3:25, 3:45-4:30
- * Workshop on Kaori (Fragrance): 1:30-2:00, 2:30-3:00, 3:30-4:00
- * Workshop on wearing kimono: 2:00-2:55, 3:15-4:10

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

(May 16, Monday evening at Pulse Plaza; 6:00 – 8:00pm)

Fellowship dinner will be held at 3 locations in the Pulse Plaza. The main hall is for 3,500 people, while other sites are for 1,000 and 500 people. Each overseas district will present a 5 minute entertainment number.

Exchange of gifts: The host doesn't have any plans for exchange of gifts at this convention so that they are not asking participants to bring their gift. However, the host is planning to give omiyage only to attendees from overseas. The gift will be on the table for each individual participant from overseas at the fellowship dinner on 5/16. One table is for 10 attendees, 3 from overseas and 7 from Japan.

WORLD FEDERATION REPRESENTATIVE MEETING

(May 15, Sunday afternoon)

The representatives to the World Convention from the five World Districts (Japan, Buddhist Churches of America, Canada, South America and Hawaii) will meet on Sunday. Hawaii will be represented by Bishop Eric Matsumoto, Tamayo Matsumoto, Hawaii Federation of BWAs President Donna Higashi, VP Janet Honda, and Rev. Shindo Nishiyama, minister advisor.

14TH WORLD BUDDHIST WOMEN'S CONVENTION

(May 17, Tuesday – Pulse Plaza Kyoto)

10:30 – Opening Ceremony

11:10 – Keynote Address

12:00 – Lunch

13:00 – Panel Presentation on theme: "May Peace and Tranquility Prevail Throughout the World" (10 minutes including translation for each panelist). Lily Horio of Jikoen BWA will represent Hawaii.

13:50 – General Assembly

14:40 – Closing Ceremony

15:00 – Conclusion

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The general assembly will be chaired by the President of the Japan BWA. The Honorary World President is Lady Noriko Ohtani. The report of the 13th World BWA Convention's 2006 Resolution will be shared.

MAHALO!

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