

HIGASHI HONGANJI NORTH AMERICA DISTRICT
2024 JOINT RETREAT (ENGLISH & JAPANESE)

Shinshu Teachings in Our Daily Lives

A Spiritual Turning Point in Our Lives

Prof. Zhang Wei (Shinhō Morimura)

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March 30 (Sat) & 31 (Sun), 2024

At Higashi Honganji Los Angeles Betsuin & Zoom Video Conferencing

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Retreat Schedule

March 30 (Sat)

- 2:30 pm Opening Service
- 3:30 pm Keynote Lecture 1 by Prof. Zhang Wei
- 5:15 pm Q&A, Discussion
- 6:00 pm Dinner & Discussion
- 8:00 pm End of Retreat

March 31 (Sun)

- 10:00 am Sunday Service at Betsuin
Dharma Talk by Prof. Zhang
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Keynote Lecture 2 by Prof. Zhang
- 2:45 pm Q&A, Discussion
- 3:30 pm Closing Service
- 4:00 pm End of Retreat

About the Lecturer

Prof. Zhang Wei (a.k.a. Shinhō Morimura) was born in Changchun, China in 1956. As part of the Down to Countryside Movement, she was sent to a countryside where she began translating Japanese literature into Chinese while supporting herself as a teacher and factory worker. After publishing her translation of Hiroshi Noma's major work, *Dark Pictures (Kurai e)*, she began studying under Noma and also researching Shinran's Buddhism.

In 1993, she entered Fukushima University where she would obtain a master's degree in Japanese literature. In 1996, she received her PhD in Japanese literature at Daitō Bunka University. From 1998, she began teaching at Ōtani University and Dōhō University. In 2006, she started the translation of the *Kyōgyōshinshō* into Chinese, which she completed in 2014 and published in 2016. She has authored numerous books including *Noma Hiroshi to Shinran* and also appeared in TV and radio programs in Japan.