

HIGASHI HONGANJI (SHINSHU OTANI-HA)  
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# *Jōdo Shinshū in the Interfaith World*

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**Saturday, May 15, 2021**

**10:00–12:00 am (PDT)**

**12:00–2:00 pm (CDT)**

**1:00–3:00 pm (EDT)**

**Lecture: 90 min., Q&A: 30 min.**



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*Most of us live in communities with people of different faiths, but as followers of Jōdo Shinshū, how should we respectfully interact with them? For too long, people misinterpreted Shinran (1173–1262) as putting down other religions and forms of Buddhism, but the Pure Land teachings actually tell us to go out and learn from the wisdom of diverse people. When we can hear the nembutsu coming from the followers of Islam, Christianity, Wicca etc. then we appreciate more deeply the Shin Buddhist path.*

## **About the Lecturer**

**Patti (Honda) Nakai** was born in Chicago and graduated from the University of Minnesota. At the Buddhist Temple of Chicago, she studied under Dr. Nobuo Haneda who encouraged her to study in Japan. She received an M.A. in Shin Buddhist Studies from Ōtani University and was ordained as a *kyōshi* at Higashi Honganji. She worked in banking and real estate, serving as a part-time minister at the Los Angeles Betsuin 1987–95, then at the Buddhist Temple of Chicago before becoming the full-time resident minister in 2013. She has been active in many interfaith activities, including the 2015 Buddhist-Catholic dialogue in Rome with Bishop Noriaki Ito, and in 2018 returned to Rome as part of the Buddhist-Catholic green housing project delegation. Also in 2018 she did a presentation on Queen Srimala as part of a panel on historic women religious leaders at the Parliament of the World's Religions in Toronto. Currently she serves as chair of the Japanese Buddhist Federation in Chicago. She has been interviewed and quoted in Tricycle Magazine and other publications on Buddhism.

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