

Joint Celebration

850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and 800th Anniversary of Establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching

This will be a great opportunity to express our appreciation for Shinran Shonin, who founded the Jodo Shinshu Tradition. Thanks to this universal teaching that excludes no one, we are enabled to live with peace of mind entrusting ourselves to Amida Buddha's salvific working. Our mother temple, Nishi-Hongwanji looks forward to welcoming as many fellow Nembutsu followers as possible from the overseas Sanghas to this only once in fifty-year occasion.

A. Service schedule

1st session	March 29–April 3, 2023
2nd session	April 10–April 15, 2023
3rd session	April 24–April 29, 2023
4th session	May 6–May 11, 2023
5th session	May 16–May 21, 2023

- 5 sessions / 6 days per session
- 2 services per day: 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM, with some exceptions
- 1200–1400 chairs will be set-up in the Founder's Hall.
- Seating assignments for group participants will be made in advance.

If you would like to attend the service on **May 10, 2023**, which is the day before the 17th World Buddhist Women's Convention, please submit a Preliminary Application Form by December 31, 2021 to Linda Nagai at hibelle@hawaii.rr.com and follow the application schedule offered by Kintetsu.

(Non-BWA members are welcome to join the 17th World Buddhist Women's Convention)

If you would like to attend a service other than May 10, 2023 as a group or individual, please contact HQ office at hqs@honpahi.org. Translation services may not be available/offered at these services.

B. Daily schedule

Time	Activities	Place
5:30	Gates open	
6:00	Daily Morning Service	Hall of Amida Buddha & Founder's Hall
9:35	Schedule overview Dharma Talk Opening Remarks	Founder's Hall
10:00	Joint Celebration, Morning Observance	Founder's Hall
Estimated Start Time 11:45	Confirmation Ceremony	Hall of Amida Buddha
12:30		
13:45	Schedule overview Dharma Talk Opening Remarks	Founder's Hall
14:00	Joint Celebration, Afternoon Observance	Founder's Hall
Estimated Start Time 15:45	Confirmation Ceremony	Hall of Amida Buddha
Estimated Start Time 16:30	Daily Evening Service	Hall of Amida Buddha & Founder's Hall
Estimated Start Time 17:30	Gates close	

C. Confirmation Ceremony

Follows the Joint Celebration Services on May 9,10 and 11, starting around 11:45 AM after the Morning Observance and around 3:45 PM after the Afternoon Observance. (For requesting another day, please check with HQ office)

The following donation is required for the Confirmation Ceremony.

- Adult (20 years old and older) 10,000 yen
- Minor (19 years old or younger) 5,000 yen

To those who want to receive a Homyo/Buddhist name on this occasion through the Confirmation Ceremony, please contact HQ office at hqs@honpahi.org.

17th World BWA Convention
Kyoto, Japan
May 11 & 12, 2023

In commemoration of the Joint Celebration: 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and 800th Anniversary of Establishment of Jodo Shinshu Teaching, this Joint Celebration is a great opportunity to renew our appreciation for the Jodo Shinshu teaching.

With the convention theme: "Life of Nembutsu enables us to appreciate every encounter", the 17th World Buddhist Women's Convention wants to join hands and together seek a way of living as Nembutsu followers beyond physical borders amid this chaotic time.

Dates: May 11 (Thu) and 12 (Fri), 2023

Location: Kyoto International Conference Center (ICC Kyoto)

Joint Celebration morning service: Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Travel Agency: Kintetsu International

- Departure Hawaii: May 7 or 8
- Air, Land Cost, Hotel (4 nights stay per person) and Convention Registration
 - Approximately \$1,834 - \$2,134 (based on May 8 Departure)
- 4 Post tours are being created
 - Tour 1: Hokkaido, Tour 2: Kyushu and Okinawa; Tour 3: Chubu area; Tour 4: Chugoku Kansai areas.
 - Optional Kyoto and vicinity tours will be available for those not attending the convention.

Schedule

Date (2023)	Time	Activities	Place
May 10	10:00	Joint Celebration, Morning Observance (Seats have been reserved for WBWC delegates from overseas districts)	Hongwanji Founder's Hall
	18:00	Dinner for Representatives' Meeting delegates	
May 11		<Shuttle Buses operate> The 17 th World Buddhist Women's Convention	ICC Kyoto
	13:30	Welcome	
	14:30	Workshops	
	17:30	Banquet	
	19:30	<Estimated time>	
May 12	9:30	Opening Ceremony Keynote Speech / Commemorative Talk	ICC Kyoto
	12:00	Lunch Panel Presentations General Assembly Closing Ceremony	
	15:30	<Estimated time>	

Note: Schedule is subject to change.