



Jodo Shinshu International Office

On behalf of Jodo Shinshu International Office (JSIO), I would like to express our sincere appreciation to you for your support and guidance throughout the year 2021.

JSIO was organized to share with the world Amida Buddha's Wish by offering educational programs, special events, and publications for all people, beyond geographical boundaries.

The essence of Buddha is that of untiring Compassion based on Wisdom. From the eyes of Buddha, we live our lives based on our limited love and knowledge without being aware of our true karmic conditions. Therefore, out of deep sorrow, Buddha appears in the form of a strong command that urges each of us to take refuge in its Infinite Wisdom and Compassion.

I firmly believe that the world is waiting for Shinran Shonin today more than ever. The Pure Land Teaching that he appreciated brings Buddha's Light to all walks of people. It eradicates the darkness of the world and brings fulfillment to those who hear the Compassionate Call from the Realm of Enlightenment.

Let us continue to deepen our understanding and appreciation of the Jodo Shinshu teaching. I would like to ask for your continued support for the coming year. May you continue to live your life within the Compassionate Light of Wisdom.

Namo Amida Butsu,

Rev. Kodo Umezu, JSIO President



JSIO held an interfaith seminar with guests from other religions and the UN to discuss religious perspectives on clean energy and climate change.



Rev. Marvin Harada (JSIO Chairperson/BCA Bishop) participates in a Vesak candle lighting ceremony held on May 25th at the White House. (Official White House Photo by Cameron Smith)

#### About Us

Jodo Shinshu International Office (JSIO) strives to provide people with opportunities to encounter the teaching of Shinran Shonin and to nurture Nembutsu practitioners throughout the world. JSIO will develop its programs with the belief that the teaching of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism contributes to the establishment of a society where people live a life of compassion together with others.



"The world is waiting for Buddhism and Shinran Shonin."

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# What We're Doing

JSIO Programs and Initiatives

#### English & Japanese Online Study Sessions

End of Life Care Series Reaching the Heart Workshop

#### Clubhouse

Held conversations on Intersections of Identity and Buddhist Perspectives,

Conducted a month-long chanting relay in November

### Kyoshi Training Sessions

In cooperation with other Jodo Shinshu organizations, JSIO is helping to train 17 aspirants from the US, Canada, and Europe to receive *Kyoshi* certification in 2022.

## Three Pure Land Sutras Chanting Marathon

4.5 hr livestream on Youtube using the JSIO romanization published earlier in the year



#### Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course

Continued to run the 13 year old course along with holding the August Workshop and monthly Book Club meetings for current and waitlisted students.

#### **Publications**

Three Pure Land Sutras (romanization)

Shinran and Pure Land Buddhism by Jerome Ducor (English translation from French)

Jodo Shinshu International Quarterly Journal



# Looking Forward

**CROSSING OVER** (tentative title)

A Collection of essays from a wide range of people who discovered Jodo Shinshu for themselves.

#### **JSIO WEBSITE**

The Collected Works of Shinran and other texts, such as the Hongwanji Translation Series, will be made accessible online.

# Support Our Programs

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Your generous contributions allow JSIO to continue sharing Shinran Shonin's teachings with people around the world through our programs and activities. Thank you.