

Gardena Buddhist Church Presents

JODO SHINSHU 101 FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Presentations by Rev. John Iwohara

**EVERY THIRD FRIDAY
7:00 PM TO 8:30 PM
ZOOM**

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About the Presenter

Rev. John Iwohara, Head Minister

Rev. Iwohara grew up as a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist and attended the Los Angeles Betsuin (Nishi). At Nishi, he attended Japanese School, Dharma School, was a member of the temple's basketball and baseball teams (the Wanjis), and served as the religious chairperson of the Jr. YBA and again in the Southern District Jr. YBL. He was also a member of the temple's cub pack and Boy Scout Troop 738 where he earned the rank of Eagle. Later, he became a 4th Grade Dharma School Teacher at the temple.

After becoming a minister, Rev. Iwohara served at the Fresno Betsuin, Vista Buddhist Temple, Seattle Betsuin, Venice Hongwanji, and is currently serving at the Gardena Buddhist Church. At Gardena, he helped to organize the Anime-Zou Conference, an anime gathering that focused on Buddhist themes and philosophy found in anime; Seijinshiki or "coming of age" ceremony; Ichi-mi, the temple's LGBTQ+ and allies group; and Wisteria Chugakko, the temple's Summer School program for middle school.

