

2011 JAPAN TRIP MEETING
SHINRAN SHONIN'S 750TH MEMORIAL SERVICE AT HONZAN
14TH WORLD BWA CONVENTION

December 17, 2010 at 3pm

Meeting Reports

1. Initial Application to Honzan

○ **Total Number of Participants to the Shinran Shonin's 750th Memorial Service and the 14th World BWA Convention**

I made a report that the total 273 people will be participating in the 14th World BWA Convention and 510 people will be attending the Shinran Shonin's 750th Memorial Service (as of 11/15/2010).

○ **Visitation of the historical sites**

I reported to Honzan (see attachment). If you have any changes/additions, etc. please let me know by 2/1/2010.

○ **Confirmation Ceremony (right after the Shinran Shonin's Memorial Service at Honzan on 5/15)**

I made a report to Honzan that we have 7 members (4 from Betsuin and 3 from Moilili).

○ **Visitation to Betsuin**

Honokaa & Kamuela group will be visiting Tsukiji Betsuin on 5/27 at 2pm to 3:30pm and meeting with Shinmonsama and Shinurakatasama. (Confirmed by Honzan)

2. Payment for the Convention Registration and Ground Transportation (Final Application)

All attendees of the 14th World BWA Convention needs to pay registration fee and ground transportation fee by US dollar. JTB has monthly fixed rate for yen. The rate for December is 82 yen(\$1). We decided to wait by January to fix the rate to make payment. I will inform all group leaders how much will be the registration fee and ground transportation fee by January 8, 2011.

After January 8, please collect the amount from all attendees of the 14th World BWA Convention of your group, make 1 check from your group, payable to "Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii" and send it to:

Rev. Koho Takata
c/o Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Headquarters
1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813

with Final application form filled in by group leader and copy of an application filled in by each individual participant.

3. Ground Transportation in Kyoto

After completing registration process, JTB will let us know what time shuttle bus will pick you up at each hotel. There is no ground transportation to Honzan for those who staying at Tokyu Hotel.

4. Lunch Order for 5/15 (option)

Annon Bento is available to purchase. The cost is 1,000 yen including box lunch, tea, and tax. The lunch cost needs to pay by US dollar to JTB. When I find out the fixed rate for January, I will let you know. The deadline for the lunch order will be 2/1/11 with payment. Please wait by January 8.

Schedule for Shinran Shonin's 750th memorial service at Honzan

9:30am Pre-session

10:00am Service

11:00am End Service

About 3,500 people will be attending. It will take about 30 minutes to get out from Goeido (Founder's Hall).

Confirmation Ceremony

12:30pm Lunch at Honzan (if you buy Annon Bento)

I suggest you to visit Shoin, Hiunkaku, or Ryukoku museum until lunch.

5. Group Photo Taking (option)

Group photo taking is available in front of the Amida Hall and Karamon (The four pillared ceremonial gate: National Treasure) on 5/15. It will be right after you arrive at Honzan. The cost is 800 yen per photo which needs to pay by US dollar. The deadline for the order will be 2/1/11. Please wait by January 8 for payment info. The group photo taking is also available at Otani Honbyo, Hino Tanjyoin, and Suminobo. If you wish to take a group photo at other than Honzan, please let me know about the location, date, and time.

6. Money Exchange (option)

JTB has a company to exchange money. They offer special good rate for Hongwanji. JTB is currently making the detail direction for buying yen. When I receive the information, I will send it to you.

7. Headquarters

From May 13 to 18, 2011, JTB will open the special desk for Hawaii Kyodan on the lobby area of Rihgha Royal Hotel. Ms. Mika Kobayashi, Manager of JTB USA, will be taking care of the desk. If you need any assistants for shopping, restaurant, health problem, etc., you may contact the desk. The direct phone number will be announced later to group leaders who make entire trip by JTB.