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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2020**

**11 am - 1 pm (PT)**

# “HIGASHI HONGANJI & NISHI HONGWANJI: HISTORY & THOUGHT”



Special Guest Speaker:

**Rev. Ken Yamada**

Editor, Shinshu Center of America

*SPEAKER BIO: Rev. Ken Yamada was born in Oakland and attended Berkeley Higashi Honganji temple, participated in Jr. YBA activities and played basketball. After graduating from U.C. Berkeley, majoring in sociology with a Buddhism focus, he studied Jodo Shinshu at the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley, and Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin in Kyoto, but couldn't understand Buddhism and dropped out. He worked as a newspaper reporter in Los Angeles, New York and San Francisco, and later became a magazine editor. He rediscovered Buddhism, re-entered the ministry and served 13 years at the Berkeley temple. Three years ago, he became editor of Higashi's Shinshu Center of America, overseeing English publications.*

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