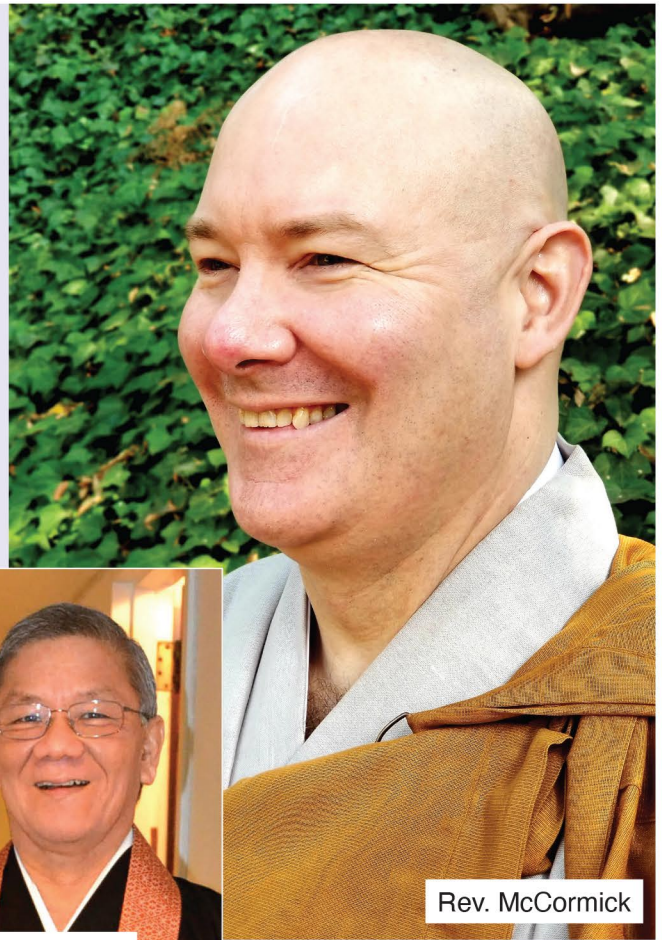


# Nichiren and Shinran

His Light Shines Infinitely

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## Lecture Synopsis

In my talk, I hope to address and clarify the superficial similarity between Nichiren and Shinran as proponents of forms of Buddhism that are devotional in nature and focused on attaining buddhahood through an act of faith expressed in the form of chanting. However, I also hope to clarify the superficial difference in that one is exclusively devoted to attaining rebirth in the Pure Land through the Other-power of the Original Vow of Amitabha Buddha whereas Nichiren teaches that one can accomplish buddhahood in this very body by upholding the Lotus Sutra in the form of the Odaimoku. I also hope to address whether there are deeper and more profound similarities and differences in the structure of the ways to attain buddhahood that they are describing.



Rev. Hata

**Saturday, September 23, 2023**  
**1 pm – 2:30 pm (PDT)**  
On Zoom Video Conferencing

## About the Speaker

**Ryuei Michael McCormick** is a priest of the Nichiren Shu, a Mahayana Buddhist lineage established in Japan by Nichiren Daisanonin in 1253. Ryuei became a disciple of Bishop Ryusho Matsuda of the Nichiren Order of North America in 1997, receiving full ordination at Kuonji Temple on Mt. Minobu in 2001. He is currently serving as minister to the Nichiren Buddhist Sangha of the San Francisco Bay Area, and is the author of *Lotus in a Sea of Flames* and *Open Your Eyes: A Nichiren Buddhist View of Awakening*.

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## Schedule:

- 1:00–2:00 pm: Lecture
- 2:00–2:15 pm: Response by Rev. Peter Hata (Higashi Honganji) and additional talk
- 2:15–2:30 pm: Q&A with participants



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