

# Special Film Screening: The Departure

**ABOUT THE FILM:** Ittetsu Nemoto, a former punk-turned-Buddhist-priest in Japan, has made a career out of helping suicidal people find reasons to live. But this work has come increasingly at the cost of his own family and health, as he refuses to draw lines between his patients and himself. *The Departure* captures Nemoto at a crossroads, when his growing self-destructive tendencies lead him to confront the same question his patients ask him: what makes life worth living.

**Join us for the film and a community conversation that explores how we can come together to offer meaningful support for people struggling, while also still taking care of ourselves!**

**View a trailer at:** [www.thedeparturefilm.com/trailer/](http://www.thedeparturefilm.com/trailer/)

**RSVP not required, but appreciated to:** [info@westernmassrlc.org](mailto:info@westernmassrlc.org)

*Sponsored by the Western Mass RLC in honor of Alternatives to Suicide*

## WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7TH,

Great Falls Discovery Center,  
2 Avenue A, Turners Falls  
5:30-8pm

## THURSDAY NOVEMBER 8TH,

Westfield State University  
Loughman Living Room  
Scanlon Hall  
Westfield  
6-8:30pm



We are excited to share the Rev. Louis Mitchell will be joining us to facilitate the Westfield screening of this film and lead community dialogue! Louis is a pioneering “intentional man”. He is known around the country and abroad as an elder, advocate, teacher, student, minister, parent and friend. He serves as the co-founder and Executive Director of Transfaith™/Interfaith Working Group and as the Associate Minister of South Congregational Church in Springfield. Louis has also been featured in a number of documentaries including ‘*Still Black: A Portrait of Black Transmen*’ (2008, Zeigler & Lora). American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters have also been requested for this screening.

How has suicide touched your life?