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SHORT SAYINGS OF THE BUDDHA SELECTED FROM THE DHAMMAPADA (79)

He who drinks in the Dhamma lives happily with a serene mind; the wise man ever delights in the Dhamma revealed by the Ariyas.

QSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 20 MARCH 2021

The 12th annual general meeting of QSA was held on Saturday 20 March 2021. The following were elected to the committee of management.

President	Reverend James Wilson
Vice President	Venerable Chonlatish Chanhorm
Secretary	Venerable Sitinamaluwe Sugathasara
Treasurer	Venerable Hui Chyuan

Committee members	Lyna Chen
	Sanjeewa Morawaka
	Aruni P. Arachchige
	Dr. Barbara Sullivan

A resolution was adopted to amend QSA bylaws to clarify the rights of different groups of members.

GENERAL QUALIFYING COURSE IN BUDDHIST CHAPLAINCY Ninth repetition-June/July 2021

The ninth batch is full. A waiting list has been set up for additional applicants. Thank you to all who applied.

BUDDHIST FORUM (3) PATHWAY TO NIBBANA SESSIONS 7 and 8

Sessions 7 and 8 5 of the continuing Forum 3 on Mindfulness were held on 3 March and 20 Mrch 2021.Mr. Amaranath Jayakody functioned as the forum leader. As before each program included a talk.

The talks covered the following topic:

- 1 Mindfulness Development-the chapter on Sensations (Feelings)

If you wish to participate in forum 3 please ask for the ZOOM codes. Please write to infoqsa@gmail.com

QSA IS LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER WITH KNOWLEDGE OF PUBLISHING

QSA publishes a Dhamma Magazine, a newsletter on a monthly basis. A few books have been and are in the planning or publication process. Various documents are produced in relation to training courses. There are a few volunteers already helping in this work.

We want someone with training or experience in relation to publishing to join our team. Enhancing the quality of products is one major aim.

LYNA CHEN APPOINTED AS DEPUTY SECRETARY (1) OF QSA

Lyna Chen from the Chung Tian Temple has been appointed by the committee as the Deputy Secretary (1) of QSA. The position of Deputy Secretary (2) continues to be vacant.

INTRODUCTION TO HOSPITAL AND END OF LIFE CHAPLAINCY (100 Hours)

This new chaplaincy course aims to provide some basic tools to guide those who are interested in – or already engaged in - chaplaincy in hospitals, hospices, aged care and home care contexts. The topics to be covered include:

- Identifying and assessing needs for chaplaincy services

- Models and limits of chaplaincy in hospitals, hospices, aged care and home contexts
- End of life practice
- Aging
- Cultivating Presence - communication skills for chaplains
- differences and sensitivities in the Queensland community (culture, race, gender, sexuality, etc); differences within Buddhist communities in Queensland
- Buddhist and Inter-Faith rituals for supporting people who are ill, aging, dying and bereaved; Buddhist approaches to end of life and death
- self-care for chaplains.

This course will involve 20 hours of class attendance (9am to 1pm) in Brisbane on the following dates: September 12, September 19, September 26, October 17 and October 24.

In addition, students will be required to complete at least 80 hours of additional work including: reading in preparation for class discussion, practicing communication skills, internet research, keeping a reflective journal, writing a personal/spiritual biography, writing a short review of an assigned book, and completion of a final exam.

Entry Requirements for Buddhist Chaplaincy 102:

- Completion of the Queensland Sangha Association's Qualifying Course in Buddhist Chaplaincy or equivalent. See <https://www.sanghaqld.org/>
- a good level of written and spoken English. The course includes reading and discussion of English-language texts (some of which may be quite challenging) as well as written assignments. However, additional support is available for students for whom English is a second language.

For the full information package about this course – including how to apply for enrolment please email Dr Barbara Sullivan at barbara.sullivan4005@gmail.com

**THE END OF THE 5 PAGE QSA NEWSLETTER FOR THE PERIOD MARCH
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Issued by the President of QSA, Reverend James Wilson

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