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## **SHORT SAYINGS OF THE BUDDHA SELECTED FROM THE DHAMMAPADA**

*The scent of flowers cannot go against the wind; nor the scent of sandalwood, nor of tagara, nor of jasmine; only the reputation of virtuous ones (sappurisa) pervades in every direction.*

*There are the scents of sandalwood, tagara, lotus and jasmine; but the scent of virtue surpasses all scents.*

*(Dhammapada stanzas 54 and 55)*

## **DEVELOPMENT OF MINDFULNESS PROGRAM SESSION 2 (SIB-008)**

**This program commenced in April and this is the second session. It will be held from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. on Sunday 12 May 2019 in the meditation hall of the Sri Lanka Buddhist Monastery, 114 Considine Street, Ellen Grove, Queensland 4078.**

**For Session 2, a talk given in English by Venerable Dhammajeeva of the well-known forest monastery and meditation centre in Meethirigala, Sri Lanka will provide instructions for the sitting, walking and activity meditations. The talk will be mailed to invitees a few days before the program.**

**As the program session commences, a re-focusing meditation will take place through a pre-designed Dhamma conversation based on the talk. It will be conducted by Rahubadde Sarath-Chandra and a few others.**

**In session 1 there was an introduction to meditation, sitting meditation, walking meditation and a question and answer period. The first session was conducted by the Chief Monk, Sri Lanka Buddhist Monastery, Venerable Wattegama Dhammawasa Maha Thero.**

## **INTERNET COURSE IN BUDDHISM**

### **(Course SIB-007)**

This is an on-going course. You can join it at any time and leave it when you want. For more details please enquire by emailing [infoqsa@gmail.com](mailto:infoqsa@gmail.com) A tutor will guide you throughout. No fees are charged.

## **DHAMMA RESEARCH PROGRAM SESSION 4**

Session 4 on SAMADHI will now be held on Sunday 26 May 2019, from 2.30 p.m. at the Sri Lanka Temple, 114 Considine Street, Ellen Grove, QLD 4078.

## **BODHISATVA CARIYA EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

QSA is considering the possibility of conducting an educational program on the Bodhisatva Way in the hope of benefitting those who wish to have a happy and successful life rendering compassionate services to all and performing good deeds.

The contents are likely to include teachings found in both Mahayana and Theravada. At its present stage of development, the course will include three streams:

- A. The perfections developed by a Bodhisatva (in Theravada and Mahayana)
- B. Compassionate services to the community based on the four divine abodes (Loving kindness, Compassion, Appreciative Joy and Equanimity) and the connection to the Bodhisatva Way.
- C. Self-Development for Happiness and Success in life in the modern world while observing Buddhist principles.
- D. The vast opportunities available for young people to apply Bodhisatva principles in a multitude of situations in this world of commerce and technology, using cultivated modern life-skills.

**Readers are invited to make comments and suggestions for the development of this program tentatively numbered as SIB-009. A presentation in the near future is being planned.**

## **QUALIFYING COURSE IN BUDDHIST CHAPLAINCY – 2019**

**Course reference SIB 001- Delivery 7**

This course begins on 5 May 2019 at the university of Queensland. The starting time is 9.00 a.m.. Normal finishing time is 1.00 p.m. each day. You need to come early on the first day.

For further information about this course – or an application form – please contact Dr Barbara Sullivan by email [barbara.sullivan4005@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.sullivan4005@gmail.com). The class is getting full though a few more can be accepted.

**The information pack for this course for 2019 is in the QSA website [www.sanghaql.org](http://www.sanghaql.org) Please see in the list of documents in the Educational Services section of the website under Services.**

### **AREA BUDDHIST CO-ORDINATORS**

Bayside Brisbane

Gail Bell

Cairns

Dhammika Pereira-Marland

Charlottesville

David Pullen

Gold Coast

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Initially any co-ordinator can be contacted vis the QSA email address [infoqsa@gmail.com](mailto:infoqsa@gmail.com). They can help with information on Buddhism, Buddhist institutions and visiting teachers. Some of them are Buddhist Chaplains and in any event they can put you in contact with a Buddhist Chaplain.

Currently there is a need for an Area Co-ordinator for the area surrounding Caboolture north of Brisbane.

## **SOUTHBANK VESAK FESTIVAL**

**This annual festival this year starts on 3 May 2019 and finishes on Sunday 5 May 2019. As before it is organized by the Chun Tian Temple in Priestdale.**

## **REPORT ON SESSION 4 OF THE DHAMMA RESEARCH PROGRAM**

**This is expected in the newsletter for June 2019.**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF QSA**

**The annual general meeting of the Queensland Sangha Association Inc will be held at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday 5 May 2019 at the Wat Thai Buddharam, 1 Paradise Road, Forestdale, Queensland 4118.**

**The Annual Report for 2018 and the related accounts have been sent to all members. Please ask if you wish to have a copy of these documents.**

**Readers are welcome to attend. Membership forms can be completed at the meeting.**

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**Issued by the president of QSA, Reverend James Wilson**

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