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SHORT SAYINGS OF THE BUDDHA SELECTED FROM THE DHAMMAPADA

The scents of tagara and of sandalwood are very faint, but the scent (reputation) of the virtuous is the strongest; it spreads even to the abodes of the Devas (celestial beings).

(Dhammapada stanza 56)

DEVELOPMENT OF MINDFULNESS PROGRAM SESSION 3 (SIB-008)

This program commenced in April and this is the third session. It will be held from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. on Sunday 23 June 2019 in the meditation hall of the Sri Lanka Buddhist Monastery, 114 Considine Street, Ellen Grove, Queensland 4078.

The curriculum is available for anyone interested. It will be published shortly when approval is obtained from the senate of SIB.

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 A tutor will guide you throughout. No fees are charged.

REPORT ON THE DHAMMA RESEARCH PROGRAM SESSION 4

Session 4 on SAMADHI was held on Sunday 26 May 2019, from 9.30 a.m. at the Sri Lanka Temple, 114 Considine Street, Ellen Grove, QLD 4078. The discussion will continue on the next assigned day.

BODHISATTVA WAY (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 Bodhisattva 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, sciences and psychology and management 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 began on 5 May 2019 with classes being held at the Multi-Faith Centre, University of Queensland; the course will complete in June. There are eleven students in the course this year, from a wide range of backgrounds. The course focuses on building capacity for the path of service and includes education in Buddhism (all traditions), basic counselling skills (including suicide prevention training), and discussion of some of the main problems and issues that a chaplain might be called on to help with. The following is a photograph taken on the first day of the course.

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Back row standing:

Grace Yap, Jens Troger, Chris Jones, Nicholas Lee, Waijin Loh, Ricco Schadwill

Front row seated:

Venerable Sama, Georgia Cummings, Jack Wicks, Venerable Lien Han, Robyn Bean

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF QSA

The annual general meeting of the Queensland Sangha Association Inc was held on 5 May 2019 at Wat Thai Buddharam, 1 Paradise Road, Forestdale, Queensland 4118.

The following were elected to the new committee:

President	Reverend James Wilson
Vice President	Venerable Chonlatish Chanhorm
Secretary	Venerable S. Sugathasara
Treasurer	Venerable Chonlatish Chanhorm

Committee meeting number 39 was held immediately after the AGM. The requirement for registration as a Buddhist Chaplain were enhanced at the meeting.

The annual report and accounts had been sent to members prior to the meeting.

AREA BUDDHIST CORDINATOR CABOOLTURE, SUNSHINE COAST AND GYMPIE

Arnaud Coquillard has just become the Area Buddhist Coordinator of the Queensland Sangha Association Inc in quite a large area covering Caboolture, Sunshine Coast and Gympie. His photograph is given at the end of this brief description. Arnaud described himself and what he intends to do in the following way.

"My name is Arnaud Coquillard. I live in between the Sunshine Coast and Gympie on a small hobby farm. I would be honoured to be able to help coordinate Buddhist activities from Caboolture to Gympie.

I have been studying and practicing Buddhism for the last 15 years in various traditions and mostly under the guidance of the Dzogchen Master Chogyal Namkhai Norbu. He authorised me to teach some specific aspects of Buddhism and of the Dzogchen teachings in 2015. Since then I did my best to be active

and be of service as much as possible. This is the reason why I would love to offer my service to the wider community in directing them to various traditions of Buddhism, the Sangha and resources.

I also completed the Buddhist chaplaincy course with QSA in 2017 under the guidance of Rahu Sarath-Chandra and Barbara Sullivan.

I am a High School Health and Physical Education teacher by profession and currently finishing a Master of Teaching at the University of the Sunshine Coast to bridge my French qualification to Queensland.

Please feel free to contact me to share an event, to request information, to create connection or anything else. I would be delighted to hear from you.”

We wish him well!



ARNAUD COQUILLARD

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Issued by the president of QSA, Reverend James Wilson

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