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SHORT SAYINGS OF THE BUDDHA (SET 8 SELECTED FROM THE DHAMMAPADA)

'Here he grieves, hereafter he grieves. In both states the evil-doer grieves. He grieves, he is afflicted, perceiving the impurity of his own deeds (Dhammapada 15)

'Here he rejoices, hereafter he rejoices. In both states the well-doer rejoices. He rejoices, exceedingly rejoices, perceiving the purity of his own deeds (Dhammapada 16)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF QSA

The annual general meeting of the Queensland Sangha Association Inc was held at 2.00 p.m. on Sunday 2 April 2017 at the Thai temple, Wat Thai Buddharam, 1 Paradise Road, Forestdale, Queensland 4118.

The annual report on activities for 2016 including the final accounts was placed before the meeting. A new Committee of Management was elected.

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| President | Reverend James Wilson |
| Vice President | Venerable C. Chanhome |
| Secretary | Venerable S. Sugathasara |
| Treasurer | Venerable S. Sugathasara |
| Committee Member | Venerable Udom Titamano |

OPEN DAYS AND EVENTS AT BUDDHIST TEMPLES

CHUNG TIAN TEMPLE SETS AN EXAMPLE

The Chung Tian Temple at 1034 Underwood Road, Priestdale held their Cultural Open Day on Sunday, February 5. It began at 9:30am and continue until 2:30pm. Activities include tea ceremony, cultural performances, lion dance, vegetarian stalls and a Buddhist lecture. This was a wonderful opportunity to experience cultural diversity and religious harmony within a Buddhist context.

OPEN DAYS AT THE JODOSHU MISSION- THE PURE LAND DENOMINATION OF JAPAN

800 years ago, Honen Shonin founded the Pure Land tradition of Buddhism in Kyoto, the ancient capital of Japan. It became known as Jodo Shu. Since then, Pure Land Buddhism has flourished to become the largest Buddhist tradition in Japan. In the early 1900's, Jodo Shu followed Japanese migrants and established missionary temples in Hawaii, Brazil and California. In 2004, Jodo Shu was established in

Brisbane at the request of members of the Japanese community living here.

The activities of the Jodo Shu mission include funeral ceremonies and memorial ceremonies as well as traditional Japanese ceremonies such as Obon (Ullumbana) and Ohigan (Spring and Autumn Equinox festivals). In reaching out to the wider community, Japanese language lessons are held for children every first and third Saturday of each month. In addition, on every second and fourth Saturday there is an Open Day when people can come and hear talks about Buddhist history and doctrines. It is also an opportunity to talk with Rev. Wilson about any matter that may be of concern to them.

The picture bellow was taken at an Open Day with Rev James Wilson.



LANGRI TAMPA BUDDHIST CENTRE, CAMP HILL, BRISBANE

Langri Tangpa (Buddhist) Centre is having their Open Day on Saturday 20 May, 2017 Everybody is welcome!

Tibetan teacher Geshe Tsultrim (with translator) will offer a short talk about

Buddhism. There will be guided meditations and tours; free books and refreshments; lucky door prizes and activities for the kids! You can also bathe the baby Buddha or make a dedication for someone in need.

Cost: Free entry and free refreshments, no need to book, just drop in between 10am and 3pm

Access: Wheelchair accessible and disability friendly, great public transport, street parking only

Where: 535 Old Cleveland Road, Camp Hill, Qld

For more information go to www.langritangpa.org.au/ and click on "Calendar & News" or contact Miffi on (07) 3398 3310 or email info@langritangpa.org.au

We look forward to seeing you there!

BUDDHIST CHAPLAINCY COURSE PART 1 FIFTH REPETITION

The course has commenced. Enrolments are still accepted from those who wish to follow the course over the internet. You can register for the course by emailing infoqsa@gmail.com at any time.

People living at distances or in other countries can follow the course via the internet. There was one from the USA and there is another from Tasmania.

HIGHER LEVELS OF THE BUDDHIST CHAPLAINCY COURSE-PART 3

Part 3 of the Buddhist Chaplaincy course is about mental illnesses and remedies found in Buddhism. It commenced in February and is continuing.

Details of other training and education courses conducted by QSA will be announced in this newsletter or on the website of QSA

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