

‘Opening Hearts and Connecting Minds’

6th Global Conference on Buddhism

6 and 7 December 2008

Owen G Glenn Building (Fisher & Paykel Auditorium)
12 Grafton Road, University of Auckland
Auckland, New Zealand

Friday, 5 December 2008: Pre-conference events include

7 to 8pm

~ Free public talk, no registration required ~

Buddhism & Politics:

Good Governance, Bad Politics – *Ven Ajahn Brahm*

Saturday, 6 December 2008, Day One

- 0845 Registration/Tea & Coffee
- 0930 Maori Welcome (Mihi)
- 0935 Welcome from the NZ Buddhist Foundation – *Tony Fernando, NZBF Trustee*
- 0945 Morning Service (Puja)

Session I: Faith, Belief and Knowledge

- 0950 Tomorrow’s God: How We Create Our World – *Prof Lloyd Geering*
- 1010 Revelation vs Realisation – *Ven Ajahn Brahm*
- 1030 Q&A for Session I – *facilitator: Tat Loo*

1100 Lunch & Networking

Session II: Awake at Work & Home!

- 1230 Awake with Family, Friends and Workmates – *Benny Liow*
- 1250 At Work with the Community – *Ven Man Wang*
- 1310 Healing Relationships – *Ven Lama Choedak Rinpoche*
- 1330 Q&A for Session II – *facilitator: Peter Small*
- 1355 Short break

Session III: Reflections on Environment & Economics

- 1405 Buddhism & Economics: Different Shades of Green – *Colin Ash*
- 1425 Corporate Environment and Buddhist Values – *Michael Nyein*
- 1445 Afternoon Tea
- 1510 Why Bother with the 5 Precepts? – *Ven Amala Wrightson*
- 1530 Wealth vs Renunciation – *Ven Sucinta Bhikkhuni*
- 1550 Q&A for Session III – *facilitator: Andy Spence*
- 1630 Break

Session IV: Meditation

- 1650 Why Meditate? – *Ven Bhante Gunaratana*
(20 mins talk, 15 mins guided meditation)
– *facilitator: Lim Ai Ling* (Note: No Q&A until tomorrow)
- 1725 Closing for Day One – *Chinthaka Samaranayake, NZBF Trustee*
- 1730 End of Day One

Sunday, 7 December 2008, Day Two

- 0900 Registration/Tea & Coffee
0920 Welcome to Day Two – *Indunil Liyanage, NZBF Trustee*
0925 Morning Service (Puja)

Session V:

- 0930 Ending War, Making Peace – *Ven Bhante Gunaratana*
0950 Q&A for Sessions IV & V – *facilitator: Ai Ling Lim*

Session VI: Buddhism in the Digital Age

- 1010 Buddhism & Technology: A New Role for an Ancient Tradition – *Prof Lewis Lancaster*
1030 Antiquity meets Modernity: How Modern Research is Reshaping Our Understanding of Buddhism – *Ven Ajahn Brahmali*
1050 Q&A for Session VI – *facilitator: Tony Fernando*

- 1115 Lunch & Networking

Session VII: A Woman's Place in Buddhism

- 1230 Strengthening the Tradition – *Ven Bhikkhuni Dhammananda*
1250 The Building & Stumbling Blocks in the Woman's Mind – *Angie Monksfield*
1310 Equal Rights, Unequal Wrongs: Ordained Women in Buddhism – *Ven Bhante Sujato*
1330 Q&A for Session VII – *facilitator: Joan Buchanan*
1350 Short break

Session VIII: Death, Rebirth and Living

- 1410 Breaking Fixed Concepts Around Death and Dying – *Ven Tenzin Tsapel*
1430 Death, Dying and Rebirth – *Ven Ajahn Chandako*
1450 Buddhism for Lay People in Daily Life – *Ven Aggacitta Bhikkhu*
1520 Q&A for VIII – *facilitator: John Hobbs*
1550 Afternoon Tea

Session IX: Charting Your Future

- 1610 Karma vs Fate – *Ven Ajahn Tiradhammo*
1630 The Heart and Mind – *Ven Ajahn Brahm*
1650 Q&A for Session IX – *facilitator: Alison Hoffmann*

1715 Grand session and Q&A with all speakers, Thank You & Presentation of Souvenirs – *Richman Wee & NZBF Trustees*
1745 Group Photo & End

– Subject to adjustments –

Free seating on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Some of the aisle or front row seats may be reserved for speakers, delegates serving key roles for the conference proceedings and needing access, and a limited number of guests.

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