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Ancestral Remembrance Ceremony



On the 21 December 2017, eight members of the Toowoomba Interfaith Working Group (TIWG) were invited to participate in the Buddhist 2017 Winter Solstice Ancestral Remembrance Ceremony in Hong Kong. It was attended by around 9,000 devoted Buddhists. The guest of honour was Venerable Master Chin Kung AM, President and Founder of the Pure Land Learning College Association. This was indeed a great honour and privilege for us all to be invited by Venerable Master Chin Kung, to this profoundly meaningful event amongst many special invited guests.



"The central teachings of all religion is LOVE. All of us can go back to our own beliefs and in our own scriptures find that God has unconditional love. All faiths can work together to find that unconditional love. It is God's will to make it happen. We are to prepare ourselves and plan for religious unity and harmony." - Venerable Master Chin Kung

"Buddhists respect and honour their ancestors through a beautiful ceremony in which they invite their ancestors to be present spiritually then pay them respect. This was portrayed as they humbly and quietly watched and participated in the proceedings of the ceremony. We too hold dear our ancestors, and cannot be saved without them. This is the reason why we have temples, to seal families together for eternity, which is our way to honour our ancestors."

- Evelyn Ray

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"The TIWG delegates were invited to Venerable Master Chin Kung's residence for lunch which was both spiritually and physically nourishing. The Venerable Master continued to inspire and encourage us to go back and learn more about our own faith traditions. The Venerable Master also spoke about the message of love contained in all religions and presented us with a copy of his book, 'God Loves All Beings: Essence of the Sacred Texts' - Ari Heber

"In loving people and working together with others of diverse faiths and cultures, we will surely receive blessings from God." - Venerable Wu Chin

"It is said 'A family that prays together stays together', and as TIWG members we feel we are a faith family which has joy in our diversity." - Kamaljit Athwal



Chinese New Year falls on 16 February 2018. Each Chinese New Year is characterized by one of 12 animals in the Chinese zodiac, and 2018 is the Year of the Dog.

People born in the Year of the Dog are characterized as loyal, sociable, courageous, diligent, steady, lively, adaptable and smart. Not afraid of difficulties in day-to-day life, they have a harmonious dynamic with people in their lives.

Join us to celebrate the Chinese New Year at Pure Land Learning College Association.

- Date: Saturday, 10 February 2018
- Time: 4:30pm
- Venue: 57 West St, Toowoomba

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