



SECOND ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL CEREMONY FOR VENERABLE MASTER CHIN KUNG



In July 2024, Toowoomba delegates from various faiths attended the Second Anniversary Memorial Ceremony for Venerable Master Chin Kung in Taiwan. A special slot was given to the delegation to share with the audience the work that have done to promote the Master's peace work in Toowoomba.



EXTRACTS OF REFLECTIONS FROM TOOWOOMBA DELEGATION



The Memorial Service reinforced for me the many qualities that the late Venerable Master Chin Kung possessed, which he openly shared with all who were prepared to listen. He was a great teacher with a strong desire to encourage people to work together for world peace. He not only talked the talk, he certainly walked the walk. Imagine what could happen in the world, if people followed the late Venerable Master's teachings and concentrated on the things we have in common and not let our differences overshadow everything else. Everyone matters. I think we need to continue to educate the community on what 'Peace and Harmony' means. Not by lecturing, but by providing information and walking the walk ourselves. I believe the theme for our next conference 'From Inner Peace to World Peace' is a very good platform to continue this education. One of the late Master's strategies was education.

The Memorial Service encouraged me to continue the legacy of the late Venerable Master Chin Kung. We are on a journey, we must never give up.

Mr John Agnew, Chair of Toowoomba Interfaith Working Group





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This auspicious function was beautifully organised by the Pure Land Learning Association of Taiwan and held at Tainan from 12-14 July 2024.

Participation in this service has given us all a deep insight of the late Venerable Master Chin Kung's wisdom, teachings and aspiration for world peace and us working towards achieving peace and harmony.

It was noted that every member attending the session accepted Master Chin Kung's Vision and Mission of achieving peace and harmony within themselves, in their communities and throughout the world and all pledged to work towards fulfilling his mission.

It was heartening to note that TIWG members of Toowoomba performed a significant role in the Ceremony portraying the achievements of Master Chin Kung in Toowoomba, Australia over the past twelve years and indicating their aspirations of continuing with his work and legacy, in making Toowoomba "A Model City of Peace & Harmony", work towards which is in progress.

Ms. Sarwan Lata Narayan, Hindu Activist, Member of Toowoomba Interfaith Working Group





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TEMPLE OF ULTIMATE BLISS



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VENERABLE MASTER CHIN KUNG'S
RELICS EXHIBITION



It was very interesting to hear from the many people who went on the stage, to talk of their experience and/or work with the late Master. The sharing of stories by many, confirmed the positive impact the late Master had on many lives across the globe.

Temple of Ultimate Bliss: I felt that this was the highlight of my visit. Seeing where the late Master spent his time doing the very important work of engaging with people world-wide (room with the large TV for zoom meetings, etc.) to continue the work of achieving peace and harmony amongst all people regardless of what faith they belong to. The room from where his programs were recorded and aired world-wide, his desk, bed, meditation place, the library and walking meditation was very interesting.

Seeing the temple on the 6th floor was very humbling and made me reflect on how much the late Master had achieved in his life and that life cannot be taken for granted and we need to do as much as we can, while we can.

To whole experience has encouraged me to continue the late Master's work especially that of peace and harmony. We have a long way to go but having already assisted with the 360 verses, and the many things that TIWG has started (as shown in the TIWG PowerPoint and talk) gives me confidence that with the ongoing support from PLLCA, we can achieve more.

Ms. Kam Athwal, Director of Sikh Nishkam Society of Australia



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I felt it was a great honour to be asked to attend and present at the His Eminence, The Venerable Master Chin Kung's Second Anniversary Memorial Ceremony: Harmonize Multicultural Societies and Promote World Peace. The gathering of the Venerables and students of the Master is a tribute to his work around the world the respect and commitment to his values emanated from the participants.

Watching the program unfold with commemoration and commitment to continuing the work of the Master was inspiring and the feeling of acceptance and community made it a welcoming environment.

I found the participation in the events fulfilling as a tribute to the work of the Master. Our visit to the Temple of Ultimate Bliss and the Venerable Master Chin Kung's Relics Exhibition quite humbling to share the space of the Master.

I feel we are on the right path following his teachings and building on plan to make Toowoomba and by extension Queensland, a City of Peace and Harmony. We need to hold the course and continue to educate our own faith communities that Peace is possible.

Mr Ari Heber, President of Queensland Jewish Community Services Inc.



DISPLAY OF PERSONAL ITEMS OF VENERABLE MASTER CHIN KUNG





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ISLAMIC RELIGIOUS COUNCIL OF SINGAPORE (MUIS) VISIT TO TOOWOOMBA



From 27 July to 1 August 2024, we had the privilege of hosting a delegation of eleven young Mosque Development Officers from the Islamic Council of Singapore, led by Mr Juraiman Rahim and assisted by Mukminah Abdul Razak. This visit, organised by the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (MUIS), aimed to explore how Toowoomba successfully brings together its diverse religious and cultural communities in shared spaces.

The delegation's itinerary was packed with meaningful engagements, including a meeting with Mayor Geoff McDonald, and visits to the Pure Land Learning College Association Inc., the Multi-faith Multicultural Centre, Toowoomba Youth Peace Group and the Garden City Mosque. They also connected with local organisations like the Bunya Park Scout Group, Toowoomba Base Hospital's Pastoral Care team and Momentum Mental Health.

A highlight was the community conversation with our faith and community leaders, fostering mutual learning and collaboration. Of course, no visit would be complete without taking in the beauty of Picnic Point and Spring Bluff. We are honoured that Toowoomba was selected for this important exchange.

CALL ON MAYOR GEOFF MCDONALD



VISIT PURE LAND LEARNING COLLEGE ASSOCIATION





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VISIT THE GARDEN CITY MOSQUE



DIALOGUE WITH TOOWOOMBA YOUTH PEACE GROUP



CALL ON TOOWOOMBA BASE HOSPITAL'S PASTORAL CARE TEAM



VISIT MOMENTUM MENTAL HEALTH





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COMMUNITY CONVERSATION WITH OUR FAITH AND COMMUNITY LEADERS



VISIT BUNYA PARK SCOUT GROUP



TRAVEL AROUND TOOWOOMBA...





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UPCOMING EVENTS

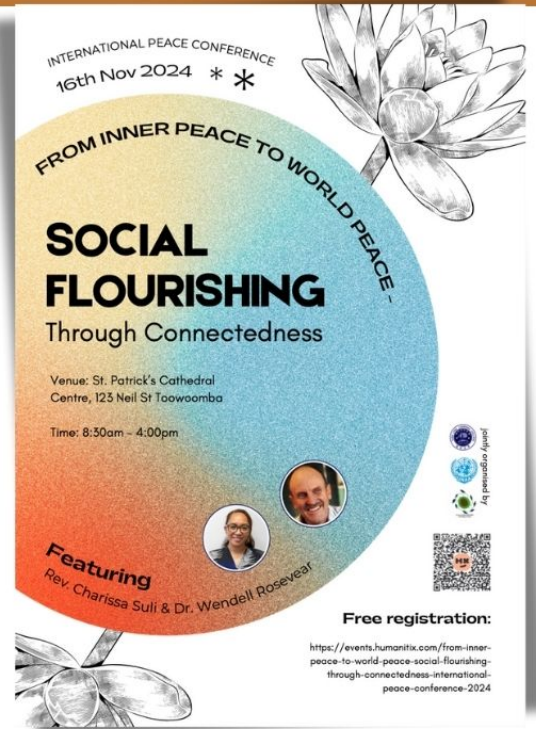
1. INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE 2024

Mark your calendars for Saturday, 16 November 2024, at St. Patrick's Cathedral Centre in Toowoomba for the highly anticipated International Peace Conference, "From Inner Peace to World Peace!" Get ready to be inspired as we unite diverse faiths and communities to explore how inner peace can ignite global transformation. This dynamic event features powerful speakers, uplifting meditation sessions, and engaging dialogue circles. Plus, enjoy vibrant cultural performances during lunch and connect with passionate individuals committed to making a difference. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to be part of something bigger!

For free registration:

<https://events.humanitix.com/from-inner-peace-to-world-peace-social-flourishing-through-connectedness-international-peace-conference-2024>

Stay tuned for program details!



2. 2024 MIDDLE GROUND YOUTH SYMPOSIUM



🎉 It's Official! The 2024 Middle Ground Youth Symposium is HERE! Register now through this link ➡

<https://www.typpg.org/event-details/middleground-youth-symposium>

📅 Date: Saturday, 23rd November 2024

🕒 Time: 9 AM - 3:30 PM

📍 Venue: Micah Centre, 29/33 Lawrence St, South Toowoomba QLD 4350

The Toowoomba Youth Peace Group (TYP.G) invites all young people between the ages of 12-25 to join us for a day of dynamic discussions, workshops, and activities centred around finding common ground and building a better future!

🌟 Food is provided!

🌟 Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to connect with fellow youth, make an impact, and enjoy an exciting day!

Spread the word, bring your friends, and we'll see you there!



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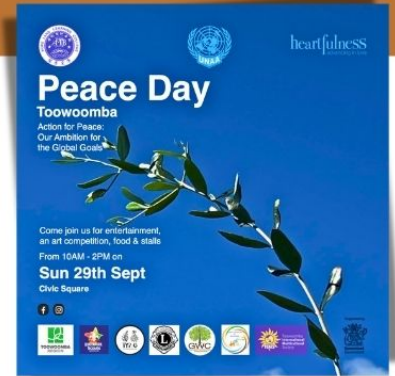


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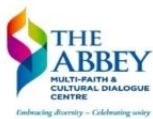
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3. INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY AT CIVIC SQUARE

Join us on Sunday, 29 September, from 11 AM to 3 PM at Civic Square for this year's International Peace Day celebration! Enjoy a relaxing day filled with music, delicious food and opportunities to connect with the community. The event will feature live entertainment, an exciting art competition and a variety of food stalls and vendors. Bring your family and friends to experience a day of peace, creativity and community spirit. We look forward to seeing you there!



4. FAITH EXPLORATION SERIES: WHO IS MY G-D?



INVITE YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS TO THE

Faith Exploration Series

Who is My G-d?

Saturday 28 September 2024
2.00pm - 4.00pm



Join us on Saturday, 28 September 2024, from 2.00pm - 4.00pm, for the first of a free talk series at St Michael's College in Caboolture. We'll hear from speakers of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Bahai faith and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as they explore the theme "Who is My G-d?"

This event includes a moderated Q&A and networking over tea and refreshments.

Venue: The Performing Arts Complex at St Michael's College

RSVP: by 7 September for catering

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FRIENDS OF PURE LAND: LUCY WHITE



Lucy White, originally from China, has been an active and devoted member of Toowoomba's multicultural community for many years. Her passion lies in promoting both physical and mental wellbeing through tai chi and dance. Over the years, she has taught these disciplines at U3A, the Cancer Council and TAFE, as well as offered demonstrations at nursing homes, schools and Pure Land Learning College Association Inc. Her efforts have made a lasting impact on the community, where her teaching has helped many people improve their health and quality of life.

Looking ahead, Lucy remains deeply committed to her mission of fostering happiness and wellness in the community. She eagerly anticipates continuing to help people stay active, healthy and joyful for many more years to come.

