

TORONTO CENTRE FOR APPLIED BUDDHISM

Introduction to Pali Chanting for Providing Chaplaincy Service to Buddhists - online via Zoom

10 Thursdays; September 28 to November 30, 2023, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm (Toronto time)
- with additional group chanting practice meetings to be scheduled after class begins.

Course Description:

Pāli chanting is practised in South and South East Asian Buddhist communities (Sri Lanka, Thailand, Burma, Cambodia, Bangladesh, Laos, Malaysia, Singapore, India and Vietnam). This introductory Pāli chanting course is designed for chaplains giving spiritual support to these Buddhist communities as well as to care seekers in the Theravāda Buddhist tradition in the larger Buddhist community. This course introduces important stanzas and the *Mettā Sutta* (Discourse on Loving Kindness, etc.) that affirm Dharma practices and offer blessings and protection. They can be chanted for the sick and dying to help them have peace in their minds. No prior knowledge of Pāli is required.

Instructors:

Ven. Bhante Kusala, MA and PhD (Candidate) in Pāli Studies
- assisted by Ven. Bhante Suneetha MA in Buddhist Studies

**Registration and administration fee is \$50 (not-refundable after class starts). In addition, we recommend a suggested donation of \$150 to support Dhamma Schools for Children in Sri Lanka.

APPLICATION FORM

Participant Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Please also complete the following:

1. Buddhist Sangha (Community) you are affiliated with: _____

2. Three Refuges taken in _____ (year) with:
_____ (name of teacher and Sangha)

3. If taken precepts/vows, (what, when and where) _____.

4. If questions 1-3 do not apply to you, please describe your spiritual journey:

5. Are you volunteering or planning to volunteer with:

_____ (Buddhist Sangha)

6. Would you be interested in volunteering 2 - 5 hrs/week to offer Buddhist counselling on-line with the Toronto Centre for Applied Buddhism? Y___ / N ___

7. Please provide a reflection on your spiritual care experience, as well as your motivation for taking Introduction to Pali Chanting for providing chaplaincy service to Buddhists.

Participant Signature

Date