

Toronto Centre for Applied Buddhism presents

# Introduction to Pāli Chanting - I

## for Providing Chaplaincy Service to Buddhists

Ten 2-Hour Classes (on-line via Zoom)

Thursdays, September 28<sup>th</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup> 2023, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm (ET)

- with additional group practice meetings to be scheduled after class begins



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* (if time permits also other suttas) 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

Bhante Kusala was ordained at age 16 in 2004 in Sri Lanka. He did his undergraduate and graduate studies in the University of Peradeniya in Sri Lanka. He is currently working on his PhD in Pāli studies. He also completed a Master of Divinity degree at Harvard University and had served as a resident chaplain at Brigham and Women's hospital and Dana Faber Cancer Institute. He is currently a resident monk at the West End Buddhist Temple and Meditation Centre in Mississauga Ontario.

Bhante Suneetha was ordained as a novice monk in 1990 and received higher ordination in 2008 in Sri Lanka. He has completed an MA degree in Buddhist studies and a post-graduate diploma in psychological counselling at the University of Colombo in Sri Lanka. He serves his community as a resident monk at the Hilda Jayewardenaramaya Buddhist Monastery in Ottawa Ontario.

**To Register:** Please visit <http://appliedbuddhism.ca/counselling-education> to download the application form for the course and send it to [registration@appliedbuddhism.ca](mailto:registration@appliedbuddhism.ca) before September 7, 2023.

The registration fee is \$50. In addition, we recommend a suggested donation of \$150 to support Dhamma Schools for Children in Sri Lanka.