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### 感恩素宴

#### BUDDHIST THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

致敬加拿大佛教教育基金會首任會長 已故上悟下德老和尚

With a special tribute to President Emeritus of the Buddhist Education Foundation of Canada  
the Late Venerable Reverend Shi Wu De

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Fundraiser for Applied Buddhist Studies at the University of Toronto  
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2015年五月四日, 正覺寺及加拿大佛教教育基金會各捐贈多倫多大學加元一百萬及加元十萬為成立《釋悟德漢傳佛學教授席》。

On May 4, 2015, Ching Kwok Temple and the BEFC donated \$1 million and \$100,000 respectively to the U. of Toronto to establish the Shi Wu De Professorship in Chinese Buddhist Studies.

## Shi Wu De Professorship in Chinese Buddhist Studies at Emmanuel College, University of Toronto

By Chris Ng, President, BEFC

It has been nearly a year since we had our annual vegetarian banquet get-together in last September. As many of you know, soon after that gathering, at our volunteer thank-you party in October, 2014, Rev. Wu De announced his resignation from the Buddhist Education Foundation of Canada due to poor health. His illness progressed very rapidly and very sadly he passed away in November 2014.

Rev. Wu De was the founding President of the Buddhist Education Foundation of Canada in 2001. Under his leadership, our Foundation had supported undergraduate courses in Buddhism at the University of Toronto for over thirteen years, first at the Department for the Study of Religion, and later at University of Toronto Scarborough and New College. During this time, over \$600,000 had been raised and donated to give young students, primarily non-Buddhists, the opportunities to study the Buddhist teachings. Rev. Wu De had said that we made the donation out of goodwill for the benefit of the students, hoping that their connection with the Buddha Dharma will bring happiness and well being to them, and in turn the society will benefit. He did not expect that these students would necessarily come back to serve the Buddhist community; and, he would of course be equally happy if they would.

The vast majority of our donations went to New College and had spawned a very popular “Buddhism, Psychology and Mental Health” program. Between its inception in 2007 to 2014, students enrolled to graduate in this program went from 20 to 250. One of the core courses started with 8 students in 2004 and now has 180 students.

Since the summer of 2013, our Foundation has begun a number of meetings and correspondence with Dr. Mark Toulouse, the Principal of Emmanuel College of the University of Toronto to discuss the possibility of supporting graduate and professional programs in the studies of Buddhism at his College. During 2014 and 2015, our Foundation hosted a series of Buddhist chaplaincy roundtables in the Buddhist community with the first event held in June 2014 at Ching Kwok Temple attended by the Reverends Wu De and Jian Zong. Unlike the undergraduate courses we sponsored previously that focus on academic studies, these new Buddhist programs would emphasize academic studies, practice and service in the Dharma. By late

September 2014, Emmanuel College expressed interest in being a partner with the Buddhist community to create a professorship toward which each party would contribute funding toward a \$3,000,000 endowment.

When Rev. Wu De learned of this potential partnership, he was already very ill. Despite the severity of his illness, among the many important affairs he had to look after in his final weeks with us, he kept Buddhist education at the University of Toronto in his mind and asked his community to support the creation of this professorship. Under the leadership of Rev. Jian Zong, a Shi Wu De Professorship in Chinese Buddhist Studies was created in May 2015 to honour his teacher’s legacy in the promotion of Buddhist education in Canada. As a result, a new Master of Pastoral Studies degree program in Buddhism was created to educate Buddhist spiritual care professionals to work in public institutions such as hospitals, senior homes, prisons as well as in community care settings. In our discussions with Dr. Toulouse, we learned that with sufficient financial backing, he would also support the creation of a Buddhist institute within his College. Rev. Wu De was also very enthusiastic about this idea, but his illness progressed so quickly that he did not have the energy to consider it further.

Victoria University in the University of Toronto and Emmanuel College contributed \$1,500,000, Ching Kwok Temple contributed \$1,000,000 and our Foundation contributed \$100,000 toward this endowment. The Buddhist Youth Alliance International and the Buddhist Education Network of Ontario will work on raising the \$400,000 in the coming years to complete the endowment of \$3,000,000. A search will begin in September 2015 for this new professor who is expected to be appointed in the summer of 2016.

On behalf of all the executives, supporters and volunteers, I express our deepest gratitude for Rev. Wu De’s leadership, his perseverance, energy and attention to the cause of Buddhist education in Canada. ♪

## 「釋悟德漢傳佛學教授席」教授職銜緣起

加拿大佛教教育基金會首任會長悟德老和尚在去年十月感謝義工茶會時，宣佈因病辭職，沒料到老和尚病情惡化，於十一月往生。

於2001年悟德老和尚與體修法師和本人共同創辦佛教教育基金會，目的為加拿大的大學提倡佛教教育，使年輕學生多機會接觸佛陀的教誨。本會最初在2002年於多倫多大學支持宗教系辦一個佛學學科，於2003年開始支持多大新學院辦多項佛學學科，一直至2013年。在此其間更捐助新學院於2007年創立「佛教、心理學及精神健康」學士副修課程，學生一共要修四科。第一年便有二十多名學生註冊修此學士課程；到2014年人數增加至二百五十名學生。2005-2007年間，本會也支持士嘉堡分校兩年開辦佛教藝術科目。

悟德老和尚在這十三年間，雖然忙於寺務，亦於百忙中抽時間為本會會務作計劃和切磋，是本會的棟樑。這些年，本會捐出超過 \$600,000（六十萬加元）給多倫多大學，辦了非常成功的佛學課程，顯示本地主流社會年輕人與佛法有相當的共鳴，珍惜接觸佛法的機緣。老和尚說本會籌款並不容易，捐款開辦佛學課程，希望學生能沾法喜，於不良的社會風氣中，依靠佛教道理，保護自己的心靈健康，進而造福社會人群，但並未有希望他們的回報；當然如果因緣成熟，他們要服務佛教，更為好事。

2013年夏天開始，本人與多大 Emmanuel 學院商討開辦佛教院牧碩士專業課程的可能性，依佛法道理培養出信解行皆重的畢業生在公共機構(如醫院、老人院、護理院及監獄等)工作。本會為此事於2014-2015年舉辦了四回圓桌會議 — 得到悟德老和尚和弟子見宗法師的支持，首次會議於2014年六月在正覺寺舉行 — 目的是向佛教眾社團、佛教人士徵求

意見，互相交流，希望能創辦一個適合本地的成功課程。

2014年九月，Emmanuel 學院院長 Mark Toulouse 教授得到校方批准，與佛教社團合作成立永久佛學教授席，開辦佛教院牧碩士課程，答應提供一百五十萬加元為教授席一半的基金，希望佛教團體捐贈(籌募)其餘的一百五十萬加元，總共三百萬加元作為教授席的永久基金。院長也願意繼續籌款支持開辦其它研究院級的佛學課程，甚至創立佛學院。

當悟德老和尚聞悉這個難得的機會時，他的病情已很嚴重，但他也要盡一分心為佛教教育著想，交代見宗法師支持這計劃，捐出一百萬加元成立永久教授席，好讓早日創立佛教院牧碩士專業課程。當他聽到有辦佛學院機會時，心亦有所願，但可惜他病情惡化得非常快，沒有精神兼顧此事項了。法師為弘揚佛法，不遺餘力，為後人所敬佩與尊重。

2015年五月，正覺寺在諸位常住法師和主要幹事支持下，捐出一百萬加元，本會亦捐出十萬加元，總共一百一十萬加元給多大 Emmanuel 學院成立永久佛學教授席，為紀念悟德老和尚對佛教教育的貢獻，教授席名為「釋悟德漢傳佛學教授席」。

新的佛教院牧碩士課程將於2015年秋季開始，在此同時，校方會開始廣徵合適人選擔任「釋悟德漢傳佛學教授席」的教職。

本人代表加拿大佛教教育基金會董事、幹事、義工及熱心佛教教育的團體和朋友，向悟德老和尚致謝及追思，並秉承老和尚宏願，祈願這顆在加拿大播下的佛學種子在未來的時日能健康茁壯成長，開枝散葉。

加拿大佛教教育基金會會長吳淑瑜敬書

**2015年10月18日**

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Loving-Kindness and Mindfulness Meditation Classes  
**September to November 2015**

Applying Mindfulness and Buddhism in Providing Care  
a series of three Professional Development Workshops at Emmanuel College

**Jan. 30, 2016** (full-day): Acceptance Commitment Therapy  
Conducted by: Dr. Kenneth Fung, M.D.

Staff Psychiatrist & Clinical Director of the Asian Initiative in Mental Health Program, Toronto Western Hospital, UHN;  
Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto

**Jan, 31, 2016** (full-day): Acceptance and Commitment to Living and Dying  
Conducted by: Dr. Jane Smith-Eivemark, D.Min.

Jungian Therapist; Clinical Pastoral Education Supervisor;  
Director of Supportive Care, Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice;

Assistant Clinical Professor, Division of Palliative Care, Department of Family Medicine, McMaster University

**October 16, 2016** (full-day): Empowering Those who Care for Others: Innate Compassion Training  
Conducted by: Professor John Makransky, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Buddhism and Comparative Theology, Boston College, USA;  
Guiding Teacher, Foundation for Active Compassion; Senior Academic Advisor and Lecturer,  
Kathmandu University Center for Buddhist Studies, Rangjung Yeshe Institute, Bodhanath, Nepal

Conference on Applied Buddhism: Past and Present  
**October 14-16, 2016**

*An examination of how Buddhism was applied in traditional cultures of Asia, and how various Buddhist movements have arisen to adapt to the changing cultural, social, technological and political landscapes in these Buddhist societies, and as well how Buddhism is being applied in western non-traditional Buddhist cultures.*

Keynote Address by Professor John Makransky