

In-service Development Training Program in Interfaith Understanding and Dialogue
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cordially invite you to an introductory session on

Buddhism

Core Beliefs and Practices and Role in the Contemporary World

This session is in a series of introductory sessions on various faith, religious and spirituality traditions, under this MAQ-funded program. It will provide a concise introduction of the core beliefs, values, principles, teachings and practices (personal, institutional) of Buddhism. It will also be helpful in understanding doctrinal and institutional differences among various sects and schools of thought within Buddhism, and in clarifying the perspective of Buddhism on contemporary world issues such as violence and non-violence, human rights, gender, ecological sustainability, and others.

Thu 2nd Oct 2008, 12.00-2.00pm (*light lunch included*)

Multi-Faith Centre, Griffith University, Nathan campus

Speaker

Thích Trúc Thông Pháp

Buddhist Chaplain, Flinders University, Adelaide

Thích Trúc Thông Pháp is a fully ordained Buddhist monk (Bhikkhu) in the Trúc Lam lineage of Vietnamese Thien (Zen). As Buddhist chaplain at Flinders University, he works in a multifaith centre called Oasis: Faith Spirit Community. He has had a life-long commitment to weaving together his religious practice with his concern for peace, justice and environmental integrity, seeing himself as an engaged Buddhist. Professionally he has been a school teacher, counsellor, support worker and human rights advocate for people labelled intellectually disabled. With the Venerable Thubten Chokyi, he forms the chaplaincy subcommittee of the Australian Sangha Association and has a commitment to developing models of Chaplaincy for Buddhists and training as a CPE supervisor in a multifaith context. A practising Christian for 44 years, he calls himself a “born again Buddhist who loves Jesus”.

Registration: Free Gold coin donation for refreshments

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