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WESAK 2011

29th Annual IBFA Commemoration of the Birth, Death and Enlightenment of the Buddha



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Honour to Him, the Blessed One, the Worthy One, the Fully Enlightened One

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2011 · BUDDHIST YEAR 2555

Truc Lam Monastery - 11328 97st - Edmonton, AB

Master of Ceremonies - Prem Kalia, Vice-President, IBFA

8:45 am	Pre-Wesak Meditation
9:00 am	Drumming/Gonging Entering of Reverends/Abbotts
9:05 am	Welcoming Speech: Dr Steven KH Aung, President, IBFA
9:15 am	Wesak Opening Chanting and Blessing Ceremony led by Rev Hoa - Truc Lam
9:25 am	Greetings from IBFA and government
9:45 am	Bathing of the Buddha Ceremony: All the Reverends/Abbotts participation
10:00 am	Dhamma Talk by Ven. Metteyya Sakyaputta "Buddhism and the Environment"
10:30 am	Flower Presentation to the Buddha
10:45 am	Dhamma Talk by Reverend Dr. Bruce Miller "Without Buddha, I Cannot be a Christian"
11:15 am	Lotus Sutra Chanting led by Soka Gakkai International - Japanese Buddhist Lineage
11:25 am	Closing Chanting by the Chin Yin Buddhist Temple
11:40 am	Traditional IBFA Candlelight Blessing Ceremony, led by Dr. Steven KH Aung, President, IBFA
12:00 pm	Closing Remarks: Dr Steven KH Aung, President, IBFA
12:10 pm	Drumming/Gonging - Departure of the Reverends/Abbotts
12:20 pm	Public bathing of the Buddha
12:30pm	Free Vegetarian Lunch Provided by the IBFA
1:00pm	Dhamma Circle - Panel Discussion on Buddhism
1:30pm	End of Program

Dhamma Speakers

Reverend Dr. Bruce Miller

Minister of Garneau United Church, Former MLA and Director of the Spiritual Tours to the ancient roots of Christianity. Former Vice President of Mahatma Gaudhi Canadian Foundation for World Peace.

Ven. Metteyya Sakyaputta

Ordained Theravada Buddhist Monk from Lumbini, Nepal. His primary teacher is Ven. Sujata. He also learned Buddhist Meditation from S.N Goenka. He has devoted himself to environmental issues such as reforestation. He has formed the Canadian Engaged Buddhism Association (CEBA).

May you all be blessed with peace, harmony and good health. You, your family, friends and colleagues are cordially invited to attend this special event.