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Condolence Message

On the Passing of Most Venerable Dr. Ashin Dhammapiya Founder of Mettananda Buddhist University

It is a great sense of loss felt with the passing of Most Venerable Dr. Ashin Dhammapiya Sayadaw, who at the age of 66, 46 vassas, passed away at 8 a.m. local time on August 10, 2020, at Washington Hospital, Fremont, USA. The Most Venerable Dr. Ashin Dhammapiya was considered to be one of the most outstanding Theravada Buddhist monks in the world in both pariyatti and patipatti. He became a novice (Samanera) monk at the age of nine, received the degree, Sasanadhaja Dhammacariya in Pali scriptures and has been practicing Vipassana meditation at Mahasi Sasana Yeiktha, Yangon , Myanmar since 1980.

He taught Vipassana meditation to monks, novice monks, nuns, laypeople in various towns throughout Myanmar. Moreover he taught Vipassana meditation in Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Nepal, United Kingdom, Germany, Australia, Canada, and the United States. He was the the Chief abbot of Ngakyanpyan Meditation Center, Yangon; Founder of Mettananda Buddhist University; Professor, Head of Department, International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, Myanmar; Rector of Kyunhla Sitagu University, Kanbalu District, Sagaing Region; and Abbot of Metta Nanda Monastery, Castro Valley, California, USA.

As an eminent leader in Buddhist propagation and protection, he was the recipient of the 3rd World Buddhist Outstanding Leader Award for the Legal Approach on the Protection and Promotion of Buddhism on the 23rd Feb, 2016, at the AIT Conference Centre, Patumthani, Thailand.

On behalf of the World Alliance of Buddhists (WAB) and myself, we would like to extend our deepest and most heartfelt condolences to his entire Dhamma Family and his disciples around the world.

May the merit of the Triple Gem and his good karma lead him to the supreme bliss of Nirvana.

Ven. P. P. Dhammo

Venerable Dr. Ponchai Palawadhammo (Pinyapong)
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