



HỘI PHẬT GIÁO CHÁNH TÂM SASKATOON

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Chánh Tâm Temple in The Present



Chanh Tam Temple in The Future

Fundraising Letter

Namo Sakya Muni Buddha

Dear Buddhist Followers,

We, the Venerable Thich Nu Hien Lien and the Executive Committee of the Chanh Tam Buddhist Congregation, extend to you all Our Greetings of Boundless Joy and Delight.

First of all, we would like to present a short history of the Chanh Tam Temple in our City of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. It started as a Worshipping Hall in 1988. Then in 1992, all the fellow Buddhists of the Vietnamese community in this City made contributions and donations to purchase an old and small house of approximately 750 square feet. The house was renovated and refitted to serve as a place of worship and became the Chanh Tam Temple.

The Chanh Tam Temple is extremely small and can not accommodate all of us during great events, especially our Lunar Calendar New Year Day, which always occurs during the harsh winter of Saskatchewan. Since the Chanh Tam Temple was built as a house, it does not have the architectural features of a real pagoda according to the Oriental view. Moreover, the current temple can not provide boarding room for visiting Monks or Nuns when they come for preaching purposes. In the hope of solving these problems, as well as to fulfill our aspirations throughout these years, we have decided to build a new Temple. This project will be started in the fall of 2007. The new Temple will have two floors with an area of 1,750 square feet each, for a total cost of \$280,000 .

We are sincerely calling for your help. Please contribute according to your means so that we will soon have a real Temple with a model Buddhist architectural design.

The Temple Will Protect Our National Soul and Perpetuate Our Ancestors' Way of Life

The Temple will be The House of the Right Way, the Place to alleviate our Sufferings and also the Source of Our Ancestors' Righteousness. As the old saying goes:

Building a Pagoda is Equivalent to Destroying a Prison of Vices

This has been proven in history. All the Mandalas or Temples built during the time the Buddha was still alive still exist today and will exist forever. Therefore, under any circumstances and in any country, Pagodas and Temples are considered as important contributions to the wonders, cultures and arts, and heritage of Humanity.

Dear Buddhist Followers, we will always remember and appreciate your generous contributions and/or donations to build the New Temple

Dear Friends, Please Open Your Heart, Your Donations Are Your Savings

In conducting the Congregation's affairs, in spite of the multitude of difficulties, we vow to practice Bodhi Heart and follow the examples of our predecessors in order to integrate The Way into The Existence within the Buddha's Sea of Mercifulness.

We pray to Buddha and all the Bodhisattvas to bestow on you A PEACEFUL MIND, TO MAKE YOUR WISHES COME TRUE, and TO GRANT YOU A HAPPY REINCARNATION.

Namo Amita Buddha

The Venerable Thich Nu Hien Lien
Chanh Tam Temple

On Behalf of the Chanh Tam Buddhist Congregation
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