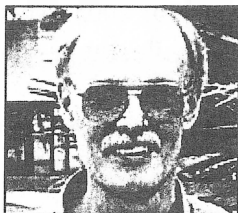


IN MEMORIAM

David Wellington Chappell



Professor David Wellington Chappell, a foremost scholar on the history of Chinese Buddhism, an international peace advocate, and a close friend of the University of the West and its International Academy of Buddhism, died in December 2004 at the age of 64. A member of UWest Doctoral Advisory Committee, Dr. Chappell had been a keynote speaker in several IAB Conferences and had accepted the invitation to be the moderator of the Chinese Buddhist Cultural Day of the Sixth Conference.

Born in Canada, he earned his bachelor's degree from Mount Allison University, his bachelor's of divinity from McGill University and a doctorate in the history of religions from Yale. He was a professor of religion at the University of Hawaii for three decades, and moved to Southern California in 2000 to become Professor of Comparative Studies at Soka University of America in Aliso Viejo.

He was a key figure in creating the Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies in the 1980s and served as its President in 1993-95 and founder editor of its journal, *Buddhist-Christian Studies*. The Society holds its Annual Conference in Loyola Marymount University from 3 to 8, June 2005 and has decided to dedicate it to his memory.

His publications include: *Buddhist and Taoist Studies* (1977); *T'ien-t'ai Buddhism: An Outline of the Fourfold Teachings* (1983); *Buddhist and Taoist Practice in Medieval Chinese Society* (1987); and *Unity in Diversity: Hawaii's Buddhist Communities* (1997). His book, *Buddhist Peacework: Creating Cultures of Peace* (1999), containing essays from religious and lay leaders, resulted from a 1994 UNESCO conference on how religion could help promote peace.

He was closely associated with the UNESCO's Culture Peace Project and with Ven. Hsing Tao's Buddhist-Muslim Dialogue Program. I have had the pleasure of working with him in these forums and benefiting from his vision, insights, and wisdom.

David Chappell will be missed by all who found him an erudite and considerate friend, soft-spoken and genial, and a promoter of peace and harmony.

-Ananda W. P. Guruge