

## **All You Need to Know for the Online Ceremony**

Thank you all for taking part in our online **Three Refuges & Five Precepts ceremony**. This is indeed a rare and precious opportunity and an experience you will likely remember for the rest of your life and hold dear to your heart. To ensure the session will be conducted smoothly, we require you to please read this ahead of the ceremony and try to follow the instructions properly:

1) Please join the meeting **15 minutes earlier** than the stated time to wait for Master Renshan. Please arrive at **6.45pm China time if you are here for the talk beforehand or 7.45pm for the ceremony** *(please check your respective time zone and make sure you get the time right. You can use Google to check for the precise time and date in your time zone)*. The duration for the talk will be around 1 hour and the ceremony will take around 10mins.

2) If you choose to only take the Three Refuges, then you only need to follow the format for the Three Refuges. If you are taking both the Three Refuges and the Five Precepts, then please read the texts for both (refer to the other document). During the actual

ceremony, you can just repeat after Jiawen, so please do not be concerned about remembering the words too much.

- 3) Make sure you **have space for prostration. As part of the ceremony**, we will bow at the Buddha (shown on screen) after each repetition - each text will be repeated for three times. There should be a Buddha image in Master Renshan's camera.
  
- 4) If you like to have a **unique Dharma name** other than Miaoyin (Wonderful Sound 妙音), please let us know in advance before the ceremony and we will make arrangements. The temple will give you this name and the Lotus Family community will refer to you as this name from then on.
  
- 5) There is no specific requirement for dress, however please just wear normal conservative and comfortable clothes suitable for wearing to visit a temple (long sleeves & long pants if possible).

Thank you! We look forward to the online ceremony with all of you!

**Namo Amitabha Buddha!**

**Namo Amitufo!**