

Editor's Note:

It is with great sadness that we dedicate this issue of *Primary Point* to the memory of Myong Hae Sunim JDPS and Oleg Šuk JDPSN, who both passed away recently. It is a great loss for our sangha and for this world. May their memory live on as inspiration and courage to keep us on the Buddha Way. May they be at peace.

A tribute to Myong Hae Sunim is in this issue with reflections from those who knew her from the Asian sangha. Myong Hae Sunim spent the majority of her practicing years as a nun in Asia, and was also known as Ming Hoi Si in Cantonese.

An additional tribute to Myong Hae Sunim from the European sangha will be in the next issue of *Primary Point*, Spring 2021. That issue will also contain a tribute to Oleg Šuk JDPSN.

—Kathy Park JDPSN, *Primary Point Editor for Asia*

Departure Poem for Venerable Myong Hae Sunim JDPS

Zen Master Dae Kwan

Bright Mind Deep Ocean
Bright as the Sun
Deep Wisdom Like Ocean
Life After After Life
Keep this Beginner's Vow
Help Beings from Suffering
Sun never sets
Moon always shines
Ocean swallows all the water in the universe
That is you, Ming Hoi

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We are grateful to you, Myong Hae Sunim
JDPS, for your selfless great work for our
Hong Kong Sangha.
Please come back quickly to fulfilling your
Great Bodhisattva Vows.
May you become Buddha!

Namu Amital Bul
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Accept Life As It Is

Zen Master Dae Kwan

Myong Hae Sunim JDPS's sudden passing was a great shock to our global sangha.

Zen Master Su Bong and Myong Hae Sunim JDPS both gave us the great teaching of impermanence. When "it" knocks on our door, nobody can escape it. This is the greatest teaching they gave us, so we have to treasure what we have and sincerely make the best use of our life. Though their physical bodies are no longer with us, both teachers are always in our hearts. In fact, they are closer to us now than when they were alive. They continue to support us from a different dimension. I really don't worry about Myong Hae Sunim anymore. When I heard the news, inside I felt very calm and knew what to do. In fact I could feel from my lower belly her joy of completing her job in this lifetime. She tried so hard, never gave up, and left with no regrets. As a teacher, she taught students *Primary Point* thousands of times. Every time it was also a rehearsal for



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her to return to before thinking, to no life no death.

When our time comes, it is the best time to attain this point. Myong Hae Sunim completely attained this point, then let go. She attained the Hyang Eom up a tree kong-an, so I don't feel sad for her. Some of us could feel her joy even though everyone misses her so much. She is finally free from her body and karma from this lifetime. Next life she will get a more high-class vehicle to come back to this world and again practice, again become a teacher and continue to fulfill her bodhisattva vow.

We might have lost someone very dear, someone whom we could trust and who was helpful to everyone. We have to accept the truth that her lifespan was short and welcome everything as it is. Myong Hae Sunim JDPS's greatest teaching to us was her smile and strong try-mind for others. Please make this practice yours; then Myong Hae Sunim never left us! ♦