

DECLARATION B.E. 2541 (1998)

The World Fellowship of Buddhists 20th General Conference and The World Fellowship of Buddhist Youth 11th General Conference



We, representing the Buddhists of the World, assembled in Nan Tien Temple, Berkeley, Australia, from October 29 to November 2, B.E. 2541 (1998), do assert and affirm that we uphold the Aims and Objective of the World Fellowship of Buddhists to preserve a Buddhist way of life, encounter all problems with our Buddha Dhamma attitudes, and propagate the sublime doctrine of the Buddha.

We remain committed to devote our utmost efforts to promote unity and cooperation among all Buddhists and others concerned to pursue the outcomes of the deliberations of the General Conference on the subject, "Buddhism and Challenges in the 21st Century".

Deeply concerned with the problems and challenges of the world community, and encouraged by increasing opportunities for effective action, we do hereby declare our conviction:

- that rapid advances in global communications and transport be mobilised for the inculcation of Buddhist values of non-violence, tolerance, forbearance, loving kindness, compassion, solidarity and peaceful resolution of conflicts, so that humanity may progress in harmony for mutual benefit and well being.
- that the unprecedented progress in "high-tech" information technologies provide ever-expanding opportunities for quality guidance to disseminate widely the benign message of the Buddha,
- that written testimony of Buddhist lives and practice inspire solutions to the diverse moral issues confronting humankind,
- that the World Fellowship of Buddhists should reaffirm its willingness to develop skills in its members, such as; readiness to mediate at the request of conflicting parties; to resolve disputes or conflicts through peaceful consultation, compromise and consensus. □

