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Venerable Abbess Manshin
Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple NZ
16 Stancombe Rd
Flat Bush
AUCKLAND

Dear Venerable Abbess Manshin

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that I am saddened upon learning of the passing of Fo Guang Shan Founder, Venerable Master Hsing Yun on Sunday, 5 February 2023.

My thoughts are with you as you travel to Taiwan to be by the side of those closest to him. It is in times of deep sadness that we are able to join together, finding empathy and support for one another.

Venerable Hsing Yun was profound, very influential and an exceptional leader whose goal was to bring people together on their path to enlightenment. In my visits to Fo Guang Shan Temple in Flatbush I enjoyed learning about his life and teachings, and particularly recall his creation of 'one stroke calligraphy'; a response to life's difficulties that created something new and beautiful.

While this will be a time of profound loss for the Fo Guang Shan Buddhist community in New Zealand and wider afield, I am sure that you will also draw great strength from Venerable Master's life and teachings. I will be thinking of you at this time.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Wood".

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