## Our Abbot 本院住持 - 上古下如法師簡介



Venerable Gu Ru was appointed Abbot of Leong Hwa Monastery on 8 May 2022 during the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Monastery. In December 2015, he was in Singapore as one of the key venerables leading in the 16-day Avatamsaka Sutra prayer service organised by the Monastery. The Avatamsaka Sutra is one of the longest sutras in Mahayana Buddhism and the first sutra spoken by Buddha after his Enlightenment.

He returned to Singapore in March 2016 as the Monastery's resident monk and has since then, been leading the devotees in the regular prayers as well as in our special prayers including leading in Emperor Liang Repentance Service, The Compassionate Samadhi Water Repentance Service, Ksitigarbha Repentance Service and The Yogacara Ulka-mukha (Puja) Dharma Service.

He was ordained at Qingliang Temple, Changzhou, Jiangsu Province on 8 April 2002. He received his full Bhikkhu Precepts at Qixia Monastery, Nanjing on 1 April 2004. Venerable Gu Ru held various positions at Qingliang Temple, including Lead Dharma Teacher (維那) for all religious prayers, a Prefect (僧值) and Superintendent (监院)

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上古<sup>下</sup>如法師於 2022 年 5 月 8 日第二十七度常年大會上受委接任龍華藏院主持。古如法師於 2002 年 4 月 8 日在江蘇省,常州市清涼寺拜上繼下純法師為師出家。 2004 年 4 月 1 日在南京棲霞山受 三壇大戒。

2015年龍華藏院啟建大方廣佛華嚴法會,古如法師受邀前來主法。2016年受邀回新加坡出任龍華藏院共修導師,帶領一切共修活動及常年法會如:梁皇寶懺悔,地藏寶懺悔,慈悲三昧水懺悔,瑜珈焰口等。