

## *The Bodhi Mirror Presents*



### *Venerable Master Ling Chen*

Acting as the fifth Certifying Master at the 1982 transmission of the Complete Precepts at the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas, Ven. Master Ling Chen addressed the great assembly on that occasion. "Today upon coming to the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas I am both surprised and happy to find so many young people carrying on the left-home tradition. I'm old and often lament that I may die before I find heirs to perpetuate the lineage. But I'm not worried any more. Now that I see so many young people devoted to cultivating the Way I'm ensured that the tradition will go on.

"The Buddha said that we should take the Precepts as our teacher. If we don't really practice in accord with them then it's like talking about food but never getting full. No matter how much study and learning you do, if you don't put into practice what you know, then your roots in the Buddhadharma will never be deep.

"You should learn the Precepts well. They are essential for all left-home people. If you hold every Precept well, you will eventually attain success."

Venerable Ling Chen is from Taiwan and now resides in San Jose, California.