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The glorious departure of His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami

Dear Devotees, well-wishers and disciples of His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami

Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

It is with heavy hearts that we received the news that our beloved Kadamba Kanana Swami has departed to the Lord's spiritual abode. Maharaja dedicated his entire life to spreading the glories of chanting the holy name of the Lord. His departure taking place in the days following the appearance of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, in the midst of devotees chanting, was a glorious moment.

Just as Lord Chaitanya travelled from village to village 500 years ago with his most intimate disciples, chanting and glorifying the holy names, HH Kadamba Kanana Swami followed in His example. Not only did he perfect his life, always becoming ecstatic when glorifying the holy name, but he was a magnetic force, drawing hundreds of devotees to the sublime process of *bhakti*. He undoubtedly made a remarkable and significant contribution to Srila Prabhupada's mission. Srila Kaviraja Goswami states in the CC Adi 17.21:

kali-kāle nāma-rūpe kṛṣṇa-avatāra nāma haite haya sarva-jagat-nistāra

"In this Age of Kali, the holy name of the Lord, the Hare Kṛṣṇa Maha-mantra, is the incarnation of Lord Kṛṣṇa. Simply by chanting the holy name, one associates with the Lord directly. Anyone who does this is certainly delivered."

In the days following Maharaja's Samahadi Ceremony, ISKCON Southern Africa will observe a period of remembrance and glorification for HH Kadamba Kanana Swami. Various programmes will be held at local temples.

The GBC's and senior leaders from Southern Africa will thereafter hold a special programme for the ISKCON Southern Africa region on Zoom, which will also be broadcast live on HH Bhakti Chaitanya Swami's Facebook and YouTube pages.

All glories to His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami! All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

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