



ANNUAL APPEAL

Dear friends,

First of all, we very much hope that this letter finds you well in body and in spirit. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your financial support over the last four years. Your contributions have been greatly helpful in our work to establish Karma Changchub Ling (KCCL) in the Halifax area.

Our goal is to become a genuine seat for the Kagyu and Nyingma practice lineages based on the vision of Trungpa Rinpoche and H.E. Khenchen Thrangu Rinpoche and under the guidance of our three spiritual advisors: His Holiness Karmapa, Dzogchen Pönlop Rinpoche, and H.E. Mindrolling Jetsün Khandro Rinpoche.

In this year's fundraising appeal, we request your support for two initiatives:

1. fundraising to purchase a property for a permanent location for KCCL
2. our ongoing and new activities in 2020

Property Search

Our rental agreement for our current location in Fall River ends in April 2020. If we don't buy this property, we will have to find a new place. Over the past year we have looked at many different places closer to Halifax, including on the peninsula and in surrounding areas. H.E. Khandro Rinpoche has suggested that we look for a property that has these features:

- greater proximity to Halifax
- room to accommodate 10 – 15 residents (monastic core and lay practitioners)
- a shrine room large enough to accommodate 30 people
- space for future growth
- ability to function as a stabilizing factor or anchor for the wider Buddhist Sangha in Halifax

Although we have been able to identify some suitable properties in the last couple of years, the current real estate market requires buyers to be able to respond quickly and with a good offer. This in turn requires readily available financial backing. Therefore we need to raise more funds and find additional co-signers for a mortgage to be able to respond more effectively when we find a suitable property.

Our Activities

With your help, we have been able to accomplish a great deal in 2019:

- We were very happy to host H.E. Khandro Rinpoche, who taught a weekend program on the practice of Lojong at Dalhousie University, to a good crowd of practitioners. And, with her encouragement, we continued with Lojong review classes after the visit.
- In addition to our daily Shamatha-Vipashyana and Vajrayana practices, we have led weekly Vajrayogini and monthly Chakrasamvara classes, and Tantra classes on Patrül Rinpoche's commentary on *Hitting the Essence in Three Words* and Lodrö Thaye's *Creation and Completion*.
- We also conducted the first traditional monastic retreat (Yarne) in the Halifax area.
- We hosted short visits by Gelongma Pema Chödrön, Khenpo Karl Brunnhölzl, and Acharya Chöying Gyurme (resident lama of Rigpe Dorje Centre in Montreal).

- Our Sangha member Ann Marie Powers has offered yoga classes for women.
- Lodrö Sangpo gave a three-week teacher training course on Abhidharma for Milinda Training at Chagdöd Gumpa in Brazil. He also visited China for 10 days, teaching Abhidharma courses in Beijing and Hangzhou. Additionally, he gave teachings in Stephenville, Newfoundland.

We look forward to these activities in 2020:

- We have invited Jetsün Khandro Rinpoche to return and have great hopes that she will.
- We will continue our efforts to bring HH Karmapa and Dzogchen Pönlop Rinpoche to Halifax.
- We will conduct a Shamatha meditation instructor training.
- In January, we will conduct our fourth annual Vajrayogini druppa.
- In February, we will hold our second yearly monastic retreat (Yarne).

We will continue our standard activities, established in previous years, and will continue to work together with the other Buddhist groups in the wider Halifax area.

Appeal

We are currently looking to fundraise enough money for a CAN\$500,000 down payment. This should make it possible to make a successful offer on a sizeable property consistent with the guidelines provided by Khandro Rinpoche. Thanks to the generosity of various people, we now have about \$300,000 available.

Our goal is now to raise another \$200,000. If you are able to donate or pledge an amount that would help us reach this goal, please let us know. Another way you could support KCCL is by becoming a co-signer for a mortgage.

And we are also looking for support for our ongoing activities in 2020. We would welcome an increase in the number of monthly donors.

Please consider helping KCCL continue to grow and support the Sangha in this region. Any donation, whether large or small is most welcome.

Donations by Canadian citizens are tax deductible. For US citizens, our charity is recognized by the IRS. For secure donations online in Canadian or US currency, see <http://www.kccl.ca/donate/>. Cheques can be made out to Karma Changchub Ling and mailed to:

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