



# ANNUAL APPEAL 2020

— **KCCL will move to Halifax & \$100,000 (CAD) matching fund offer** —

Dear Friends,

First of all, we very much hope that even in these challenging times you are well in body and in spirit.

Now, here is some good news !!!

We have succeeded in reaching an Agreement of Purchase with the seller for our future permanent home at 871 Young Avenue in Halifax. As you may know, this is the same property we had hoped to purchase last March, which generated much excitement within the wider and local Buddhist Sanghas.

The owner now appears ready, willing, and able to sell the house and, two weeks ago, offered it to us under the same terms as last March. We viewed the house again, and since we found it in the same condition as before, we rechecked and reconfirmed our previous agreements with the bank, insurance company, and local zoning authorities. We then contacted KCCL's spiritual advisors Jetsün Khandro Rinpoche and Dzogchen Pönlop Rinpoche, who quickly replied sending their blessing and full-hearted support.

Closing date is set for February 25, which gives us an overlap of two months with our present rental agreement in Fall River. The months of March and April will give us a good amount of time to do some needed renovations, and repairs to fulfill city requirements. Our focus will be on establishing a good-sized main shrine room and a Mahasangha practice space which can accommodate the activities of other local Buddhist sanghas. We also need to do some work on the residential areas (repainting, etc.)

Our goal is to become a genuine seat for the Kagyü-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.

## **\$100,000 (CAD) Matching Fund Offer**

In this spirit, we therefore want to focus this year's Annual Fundraising Appeal primarily on raising money for the purchase and renovation of the 871 Young Avenue property. But yes, other ways of supporting KCCL's activities include making an unrestricted donation, or a donation to a specific fund (more info on our website), or you could become a monthly donor.

Please consider to financially support us to make this dream come true, you can do so here:

<http://www.kccl.ca/donate/>

In this context we are happy to share with you that an anonymous donor came forward and offered us a "matching fund" for up to \$100,000 (CAD). Any donation given from now on until the end of January 2021 will be matched up to the amount specified. Your donation, whether big or small, is most welcome and appreciated.

## **Our Activities in 2020**

- We held the fourth annual Vajrayogini druppa
- We conducted the traditional monastic retreat (Yarne)
- Lodrö Sangpo taught various online courses (often co-hosted by OCEAN): "Creation and Completion", "Abhidharma in the Context of Practice", "The Aspiration Prayer of Samantabhadra", "Vajrayogini in a Nutshell", "The Five Wisdoms in meditation and post-meditation", etc.  
He gave talks on momentariness to the San Francisco Shambhala center
- We have hosted various on-line Vajrayogini and Chakrasamvara feasts
- The big deck behind the present property in Fall River allowed us to invite people to join us safely for shamatha practice and feasts
- We've conducted several lhasangs in our Buddha garden
- 12 people successfully completed phase 1 of our "Shamatha meditation instructor training"
- Around 10 people came to do a solitary or in-house retreat at KCCL.

## **Planned Activities in 2021**

In general, we hope that with the COVID vaccines things will gradually return to what used to be "normal", i.e., meet with people in person and practice together at feasts, etc. Once KCCL has moved to Halifax, we hope to welcome an increased number of people to join us in daily practices. — Online gatherings will likely also continue since they allow more people to join in.

And yes, we are of course eager to have our lineage teachers come again to Halifax and teach.

- We will therefore "refresh" our invitations to Jetsün Khandro Rinpoche and Dzogchen Pönlop Rinpoche
- We will continue our efforts to bring HH Karmapa to Halifax
- The third yearly monastic retreat (Yarne) will begin later January
- Our annual Vajrayogini Druppa will be scheduled after Covid restrictions are lifted
- Lodrö Sangpo will continue his on-line teachings. New classes on the Vajrayogini daily sadhana and on the absolute bodhicitta slogans are already scheduled January.
- We will continue with phase 2 of our "Shamatha meditation instructor training"
- We will continue to pursue our standard activities as set up in previous years and to work together with the other Buddhist groups in the wider Halifax area

## **Appeal**

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Thank you for your heartfelt support and generosity! May our combined efforts bring true benefit.

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