

## 2022 – A Truly Successful Year!

Over the past year, the KCCL community has been very active and has seen many important projects and activities move forward. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, energy, and financial support.

The remodelling, refurbishing and furnishing of KCCL's main floor is now complete. It is uplifting and inviting. Magnificent works of art have also been donated, or given to us on loan so that more people may appreciate them. In particular, Trungpa Rinpoche's majestic and historic, "I am here — Mukpo", calligraphy now graces the reception room and was unveiled on Trungpa Rinpoche 35<sup>th</sup> Parinirvana celebration.



Most of our construction work this year was devoted to transforming the garden floor into a well designed Mahasangha space, geared towards serving other local Buddhist groups, providing a home for them and their activities. Since its completion this summer, the Mahasangha space is now used on a regular basis by both Nalandabodhi and Siddhartha's Intent for programs and feast practice. We are able to house multiple events simultaneously – on feast days the space is buzzing with the energy of different feasts occurring on the various floors at the same time. Other days, we can have daily meditation occurring on the main floor, while the Mahasangha room hosts teaching events. A final stage of remodeling is almost complete, which will transform the double garage into a meditation instruction room, workshop, and storage space for the Mahasangha. We invite you to see photos and a video tour available on our website (<https://www.kccl.ca/about-us/visual-tour/> and <https://www.kccl.ca/mahasangha-the-space/>).

As the "physical container" will soon be finished, KCCL, in cooperation with the other Mahasangha groups, will be able to focus on how to make the best use of this container by offering new dharma programs and hosting visiting teachers. Since last fall we were able to have several visits by teachers, despite the limitations imposed by the pandemic. We were delighted to host Lama Pema, the head resident lama of Thrangu monastery in Vancouver and the chief representative of Thrangu Rinpoche for North America. We discussed the practical aspects of running dharma centers and how we can interact and help each other. We were also excited to receive a brief visit from Dzongsar Khyentse Rinpoche, who toured KCCL and its Mahasangha space, and with whom we discussed our Mahasangha and Rime vision. Two Baram Kagyu lamas, Tsülnyi Rinpoche and Khenpo Jiga, visited during the Spring and gave a public presentation on the history of the Baram Kagyu lineage.

Upon the encouragement from our three spiritual advisors, HHK, Ponlop Rinpoche, and Khandro Rinpoche, we have developed a proposal for a three-year monastic training program. The program is designed to be an integrative approach in which both monastics and laypeople may participate “in person” as well as “online”. The proposal has been sent off for review and input, and we are presently waiting to hear feedback from our spiritual advisors. We hope to provide more details about this program in the coming months. During our first monastic conference here at KCCL, co-hosted by KCCL and Gampo Abbey, we discussed the proposal with Ani Pema and the staff of Gampo Abbey and received their support and encouragement.

With the pandemic impacting in-person events for some practitioners, KCCL hosted feast practices and teaching events with zoom access for the North American and European sangha. In-person meditation and sadhana practice continues to be available at KCCL for those who wish to attend.

### **2023 – Expanding Outward!**

During the coming year we have several areas and initiatives that we will be focusing on. We intend to make greater use of the Mahasangha space through expanded events and programming for both new meditators as well as the Vajra sangha. KCCL is working with other local Buddhist groups, including the Halifax Shambhala Centre, to develop a rich and diverse calendar of offerings that compliment rather than compete. We are greatly encouraged by the spirit of cooperation and good will.

KCCL is continuing to put energy into inviting dharma teachers to Nova Scotia, often in partnership with other sangha organizations. The completion of the physical renovations means that the Mahasangha has an appropriate residence to host teachers in Halifax. Now that the public health guidelines around Covid have entered a new stage (several visits had to be postponed in 2022), we are hopeful that multiple visits per year can be arranged.

The creation of a monastic training program will remain a focus for KCCL and our spiritual advisors. The need to both develop and support the monastic community is of the utmost importance for the future of Vajrayana Buddhism in the West. KCCL, in cooperation with Nitārtha Institute and Gampo Abbey, is uniquely placed for such an important role.

We are also planning for a Vajrayogini Druppa to be held later in 2023 and a formal opening celebration marking the completion of building renovations. More details on those events will be forthcoming.

### **Fundraising Pitch**

Our annual operating budget is projected to be \$136,000 of which nearly one half is the mortgage and insurance for the property. The budget is available on the [KCCL website](#). The budget is supported by rental payments from the residents and by the other groups making use of the Mahasangha space. The largest source of revenue, however, comes from donations. For next year we already received commitments from monthly donors and the Pema Chodron foundation for approximately \$45,000. This means that our goal for the annual fundraising campaign through the end of 2022 and up to Losar in 2023 is \$39,000. We hope to achieve this either through increasing the number of monthly donors or one-time contributions. As always, we truly appreciate the support that we have received from the sangha. We strive to be good stewards of these generous donations.

For secure donations online in Canadian or US currency, see: <https://www.kccl.ca/donate/> Cheques can be made out to Karma Changchub Ling and mailed to: Karma Changchub Ling, 871 Young Avenue, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3H 2V8, Canada.

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

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