



## 2023 KCCL ANNUAL APPEAL

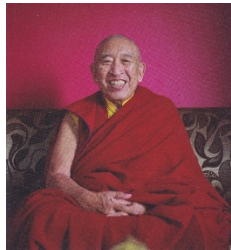
*As the year draws to an end, we would like to offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who contributed their time, energy, and financial support to KCCL. During 2023 we made a sustained effort to provide practice and study opportunities, while simultaneously remodelling and making available shrine and meeting space for the diverse Halifax Mahasangha. We could not have done any of this without your generous financial and volunteer support. Thanks again to you all!*

*Below, please find a detailed description of just how much was accomplished in 2023, and a snapshot of our long term plans, budget, finances. We think that you will be surprised and pleased!*

*Needless to say, we will still depend on the generosity of our donors and volunteers, for ongoing support in the years ahead. **In brief, we want to raise \$46,000, which actually comes to \$33,000 assuming that a received anonymous \$13,000 matching fund offer for this year's Appeal will succeed.***

### 2023 IN REVIEW

Following the completion of the remodelling phase, the “KCCL Opening Celebration” was held on Vaishaka Day, June 4 2023. We were fortunate to receive a “live” Zoom talk by Khandro Rinpoche, and recorded talks by Ponlop Rinpoche & HH Karmapa XVII before concluding with a Sadhana of Mahamudra feast. The event was very well attended and appreciated by all.



Very soon after the event we were saddened to hear of the passing of Khenchen Thrangu Rinpoche. Rinpoche's influence on our Mahasangha was indeed profound, and particularly so for our monastic community. To mark his passing, a series of seven weekend Guru Yoga sessions were offered in hybrid form. Sangha from various parts of North America and Europe gathered sharing their respect and gratitude, while Ani Nyingje represented KCCL in Nepal during the cremation practices.

### Visiting Teachers

- ❖ In August, we hosted a visit by Khenpo Karma Tenkyong from Karma Triyana Dharmachakra, in Woodstock, New York. He gave a series of talks on meditation, lojong practice and guru yoga. The response was highly positive, and we look forward to welcoming him back next year.
- ❖ In September we hosted a talk by Lama Ngodup Dorji, the XVth lineage lama of Shinghar Dechenling, one of the eight important places established by Longchenpa in Bhutan, who spoke about meditation from the Longchenpa-Nyingma point of view.
- ❖ Ringu Tulku Rinpoche visited Halifax in October and stayed at KCCL. For KCCL this was the first teacher visit of a larger scale involving a much broader participation of the sangha. The visit was a great beginning to prepare us for working with the wider Mahasangha to both invite, accommodate, and successfully host major Buddhist teachers in the future. It is anticipated that KCCL will play a sustained role in welcoming Buddhist teachers to Nova Scotia during the coming years.

### Practice Intensives and Feasts

The continuity of Vajrayogini and Chakrasamvara feast practices has remained a focus for KCCL with hybrid participation for sangha in many time zones. A Vajrayogini druppa was held in the late summer and well attended both in person and online. A hybrid Chakrasamvara druppa was arranged with the Halifax Shambhala Centre to coincide with the funeral activities for Khenchen

Thrang Rinpoche. This was supported on Zoom by Ocean – a truly co-operative venture uniting KCCL, HSC and Ocean to serve the mahasangha community.

#### Teachings and practices online and in-person

- ❖ Many teachings have continued to be offered. Topics included Mahamudra and mindfulness and later in the year devotion, guru yoga and lineage.
- ❖ KCCL's ongoing weekday meditation practices have become a steady support for people living in Halifax. Outreach includes offering a course for people new to meditation.
- ❖ KCCL has also become a preferred place for Buddhist funeral and memorial services. A number of these were held throughout the year both in-person and hybrid. Of particular sadness to the KCCL community was the passing of Karen Ritchie in March, the wife of KCCL board member Steve Ritchie.



#### Further improvements to our property

Lastly, we continue to make improvement to the facilities although now on a much smaller scale.

The Torii gate is placed and Japanese gate and garden fencing is close to being finished. Our heartfelt thanks go to Gary Brown for his terrific work and willingness throughout our journey.

## 2024 LOOKING FORWARD

KCCL will continue to lead the mahasangha spirit in Halifax during the coming year:

- ❖ In addition to providing shrineroom space for various groups, we intend to continue to cooperate with the HSC and local Buddhist groups to develop a rich and diverse calendar of offerings that complement rather than compete. We remain encouraged by the atmosphere of cooperation and good will.
- ❖ It is anticipated that KCCL will play a bigger and pivotal role in welcoming Buddhist teachers to Nova Scotia during the coming year.
- ❖ 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—not only traditionally speaking—of the utmost importance for the support and future of Vajrayana Buddhism in the West. KCCL, in cooperation with Nitartha Institute and Gampo Abbey, is uniquely placed for such an important role.

## DOLLARS & SENSE

Our annual operating budget is projected to be \$ 140,000 of which nearly one half is the mortgage and insurance for the property. A link to a copy of the budget is available on the KCCL website. The budget is supported by rental payments from residents, groups who use the Mahasangha space, and most importantly, by donations. For next year we already have commitments from monthly donors and the Pema Chodron foundation for approximately \$ 40,000.

This means that our **goal for the annual fundraising** campaign through the end of 2023 and **up to Losar in 2024 is \$ 46,000**. We hope to achieve this both through increasing the number of monthly donors and one-time contributions. In this context, please notice that a major anonymous donor has already stepped forward to match CAD 13,000 in cash and pledges that we will receive by the end of January. **Assuming this amount will be matched, we have CAD 33,000 to go.**

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As always, we strive to be good stewards of these generous donations as well as to be transparent in all of our operations. Thank you for your heartfelt support and generosity! May our combined efforts bring true benefit.

*The Directors of KCCL*

(Lodrö Sangpo, Nyingje Gongpel, Drime Shiwa, Ron Stubbert, Steve Ritchie)