



During the recent years that H.E. Dzogchen Khenpo Choga Rinpoche has been teaching in the United States many students have experienced the wealth of his teachings and the revelation and benefit of the Dharma in their lives. Many of us are aware of Rinpoche's constant travel and his heroic and tireless efforts to spread the Dharma. We know of his personal integrity, his love and faultless kind intention. In his person, we have come to recognize the vast treasury of wisdom and knowledge that is the lineage of the utmost profound Buddhist teachings of **Dzogchen**.

Now it is time for us to work together to help provide the world with a key to open the door to this treasury. We need a place where students and volunteers can come together to assist in this effort, and especially where we and future students can receive, practice and realize the teachings in a proper environment.

In this way, we will actually fulfill our aspiration and commitment to benefit all beings.

This is Rinpoche's vision for
Dzogchen Retreat Center USA



NAMO BUDDHAYA

MAY ALL BEINGS HAVE HAPPINESS
AND THE CAUSES OF HAPPINESS.
MAY ALL BEINGS BE FREE FROM SUFFERING
AND THE CAUSES OF SUFFERING.

NAMO BUDDHAYA

FOR THE SAKE OF WORLD PEACE
AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL SENTIENT BEINGS,
MAY WE ESTABLISH THE EXCELLENT DHARMA BASE,
DZOGCHEN RETREAT CENTER USA.
MAY THE DZOGCHEN RETREAT PROJECT
BE SPONTANEOUSLY SUCCESSFUL
AND SWIFTLY ACCOMPLISHED.

Aspiration of

Dzogchen Khenpo Choga Rinpoche

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*Your support
is needed to build*

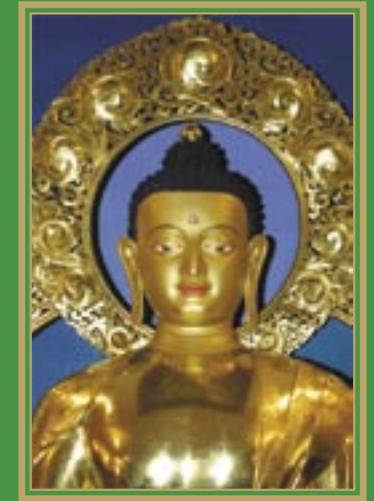
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Retreat
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USA**

Love & Compassion

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Awareness & Wisdom

= The Lineage of Dzogchen



]To provide a holy place for Dharma practitioners of the Dzogchen Lineage.
]To create world peace and happiness.

Let Us Build

Dzogchen Retreat Center USA

This retreat center will provide the perfect environment for groups and individuals to practice Buddhist meditation according to the living traditions of the Dzogchen Lineage.

The center will provide housing and support facilities for retreats lasting from three days to three years or more.

These retreats will be conducted under the guidance and supervision of a Vajra Master of the Dzogchen Lineage, and will focus on the authentic teachings of *The Buddha Path* of this lineage.

The center will welcome people of all faiths, and will offer on a regular basis special retreat programs and introductory programs to allow visitors and families with children a chance to start and learn the practice of Buddhist meditation in a relaxing environment.



H.E. Dzogchen Khenpo Choga Rinpoche, a third-third generation holder of the Buddhist lineage of Dzogchen, was born and raised in Tibet. He is recognized as the reincarnation of Tibetan Buddhist master Gedun Chopel.

Beginning his formal study of Buddhism at the age of five, Rinpoche graduated from Dzogchen Shri Singha Five Sciences University with the doctoral degree of “Khenpo” at the unprecedentedly young age of twenty-two.

Rinpoche received the complete transmissions and empowerments of the Dzogchen Lineage from his main teachers Khenchen Pema Tsewang Rinpoche and Chatral Chochyab Rinpoche.

Renowned author of more than thirty books on the Buddhist sciences, Rinpoche is also a master of Dzogchen meditation, having practiced a total of seven years secluded cave meditation in the Holy Dzogchen area of Tibet, and having led countless Buddhist retreats around the world.

Founder of hundreds of Dzogchen Dharma centers in Asia, Europe and the United States, Rinpoche teaches constantly from *The Buddha Path*, the Lineage of Dzogchen.

Dzogchen Retreat Center USA

will not be the first Dharma center that Rinpoche has built, nor is it likely to be the last. In 1985, as the young preceptor of



historic **Dzogchen Shri Singha University** in Tibet, Rinpoche oversaw the three-hundred forty-four room rebuilding of that university, offering residence and study facilities to thousands of students.

Since that time, Rinpoche has since built two more retreat centers, namely:



the **Dzogchen Retreat Center** in Dehradun, India and the



Dzogchen Shri Singha Retreat Institute in Godavari, Nepal.

These institutions are now complete and open to visit and use, but through the special teaching efforts of Rinpoche in the United States, the need for a local retreat center has become clear.



Why Is A Retreat Center Needed?

As Rinpoche has taught, correct Dharma training involves a progression from learning to contemplation, and from contemplation to meditation. The goal of training, the actual realization of the Dharma teachings in the mind of the practitioner, is accomplished through meditation. By reducing worldly distractions, the peaceful and positive retreat center environment provides the necessary support and condition for successful practice. For this reason, countless Dzogchen Masters have emphasized the need to practice within the auspicious setting of a retreat environment.

Rinpoche strongly believes that the retreat environment is not only the best place for us to practice, but also the best place for him to teach. For this reason, over the past three years he has been in the USA Rinpoche has led 11 separate retreats in temporary locations ranging from private homes to rented retreat facilities. In many cases, organization and logistics have been difficult, time-consuming, and occasionally troublesome. With the growth of the Sangha, we need to address the logistical issues of multiple retreats; our own needs as practitioners increasingly requiring a retreat environment to deepen our practice; the needs of a larger organization; and the needs of generations of students and of activities still to come.

Your Contribution

We are now soliciting all types of contributions to this project. In particular, we need to secure cash sponsorship or sponsorship in kind for the following items:

Land

We are looking for improved or unimproved land in a natural setting and with its own pure water source, either in a secluded valley or upon a secluded elevation. Economically buildable and appropriately zoned for use as retreat land. Within two hours travel of an international airport.

Buildings

One shrine temple, one teacher’s residence, one office, one mess kitchen, one storage facility, single retreat cabin accommodation for 25 long-term residents and multi-bed cabins for 75 short-term residents.

Work

Voluntary labor and professional expertise as needed at various stages to complete the project.

Budget

With the sincerest intention to keep the cost of this facility to a minimum, we are budgeting the acquisition of land with improvements as follows:

Budget for Land:	\$800,000
Budget for Improvements:	\$800,000

While *any size contribution is important* and needed, contributions of set amounts will secure permanent dedication in the name of the donor for different items, for example:

\$12,000 donor plaque, single-cabin residence

For more donor options and opportunities for dedication, as well as the latest news about the retreat project, please see our website at:

www.dzogchenlineage.org/retreat