



Karmapa at KTD

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The Karmapas

The head of the Kagyu lineage of Tibetan Buddhism, the Karmapas were the first reincarnate lamas in the Tibetan Buddhist system, and they date back to the 13th Century.

His Holiness the 17th Gyalwa Karmapa, Orgyen Trinley Dorje, made his first trip to the United States in May of 2008, traveling to his main seat in North America Karma Triyana Dharmachakra Monastery in the mountains above Woodstock New York, thus fulfilling his promise to return made in his previous incarnation.

Margaret and I have been students of the Venerable Khenpo Karthar Rinpoche for almost 30 years. We have watched Rinpoche follow the directives of the 16th Karmapa to build a traditional Tibetan-style monastery and residence for monks, as well as a complete 3-year retreat center, one for men and another for women.

Equally important are the many thousands of students like ourselves that Rinpoche has taught, helping to turn our minds toward the path of authentic dharma.

Michael Erlewine

May 24, 2008

Dedication

May any merit from this book be dedicated in the same way that Buddhas and Bodhisattvas have always dedicated merit throughout the ages, and may this merit benefit all sentient beings and bring each to the genuine happiness of enlightenment in knowing the true nature of the mind.

Image at right:

Chenresik, Bodhisattva of Compassion, the deity that both the 14th Dalai Lama and the 17th Karmapa are emanations of. This and other drawings in this book by Sange Wangchuk. For more information on His Holiness and Karma Triyana Dharmachakra, visit:

www.Kagyu.org.

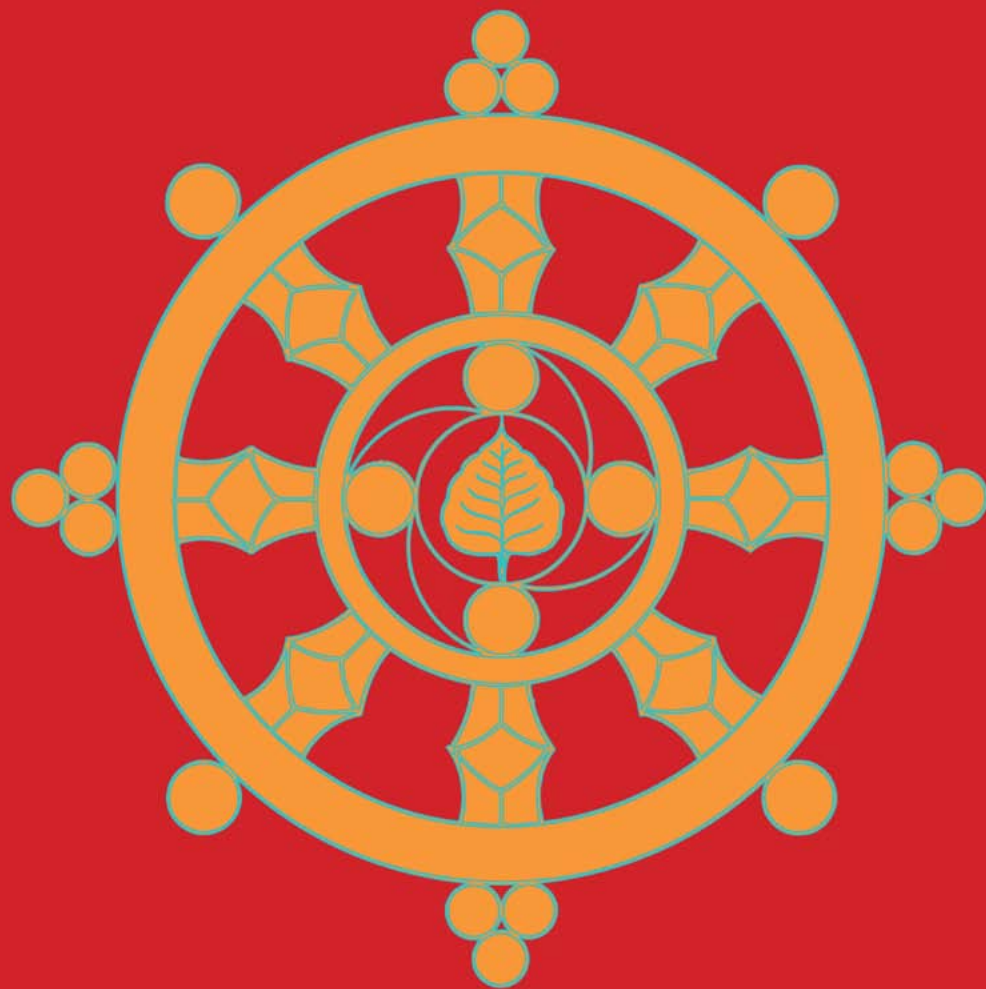
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On May 19, 2008, His Holiness the 17th Gyalwa Karmapa visited Karma Triyana Dharmachakra Monastery (his seat in the America) for the very first time.

These photos not only celebrate His Holiness, but they also reflect his presence in the faces of his many students at KTD Monastery.

This book is dedicated to our beloved teacher, the Venerable Khenpo Karthar Rinpoche







Tea and Rice Ceremony



















Karme Ling Retreat Center

















Blessing the Retreat Land









KTD Main Shrine Room Ceremony









Teachings by His Holiness



















Rinpoches, Monks, and Lamas

























Audience for the KTC Groups









Public Ceremony at Karme Ling













His Holiness Blesses Kunzang Pachen Ling

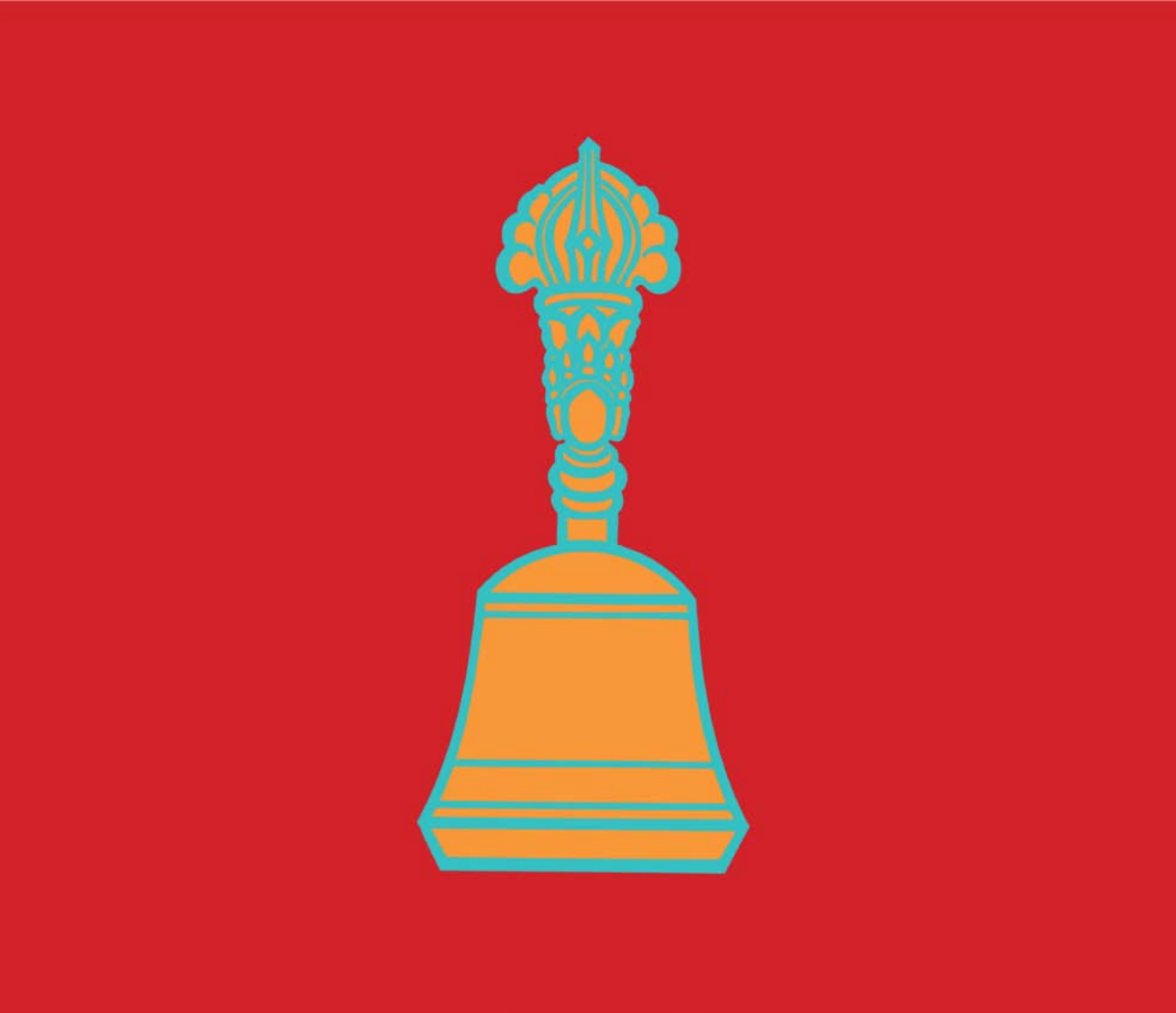












The Morning Walk









Some of KKR's Lamas, Monks, and Nuns















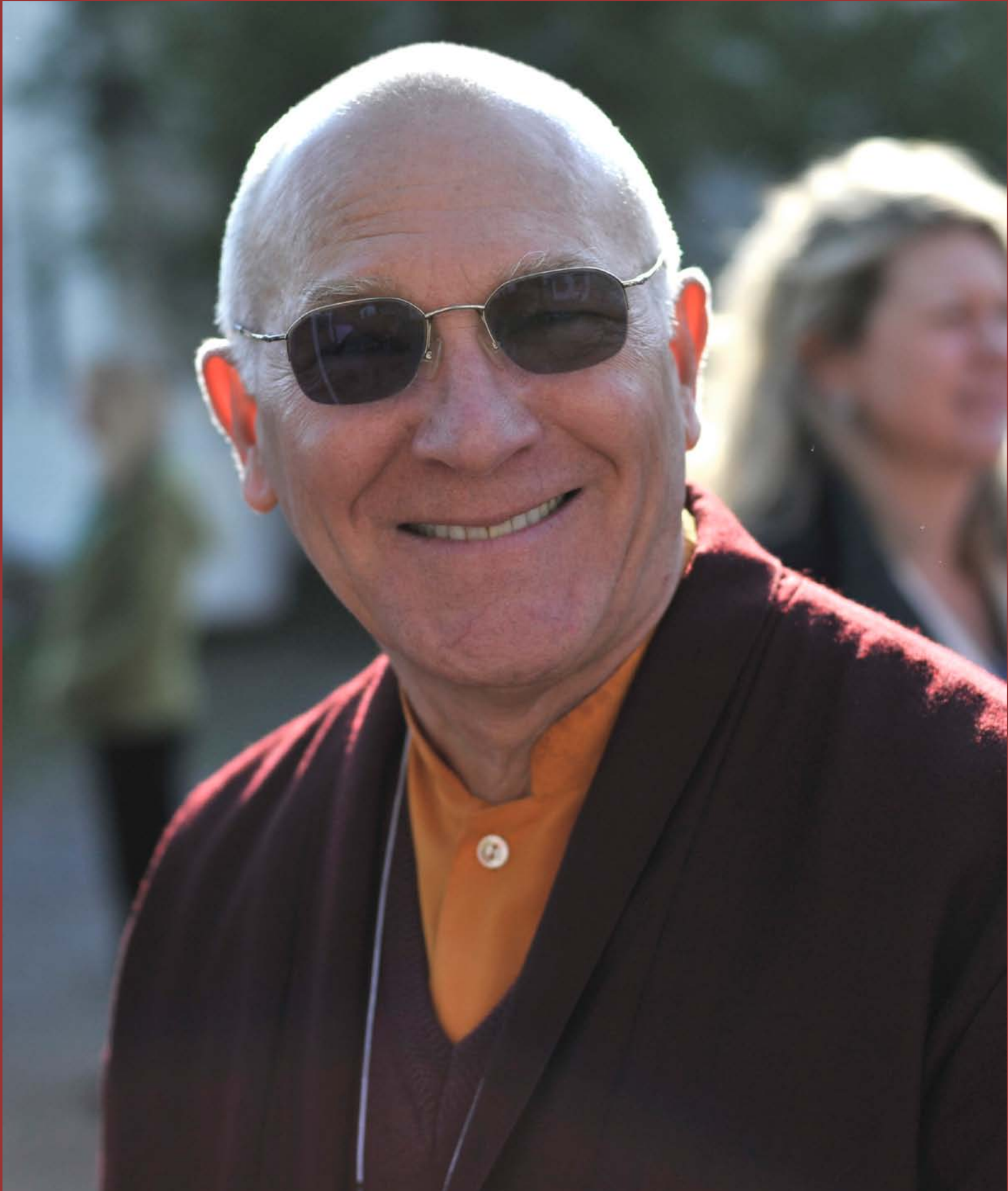
























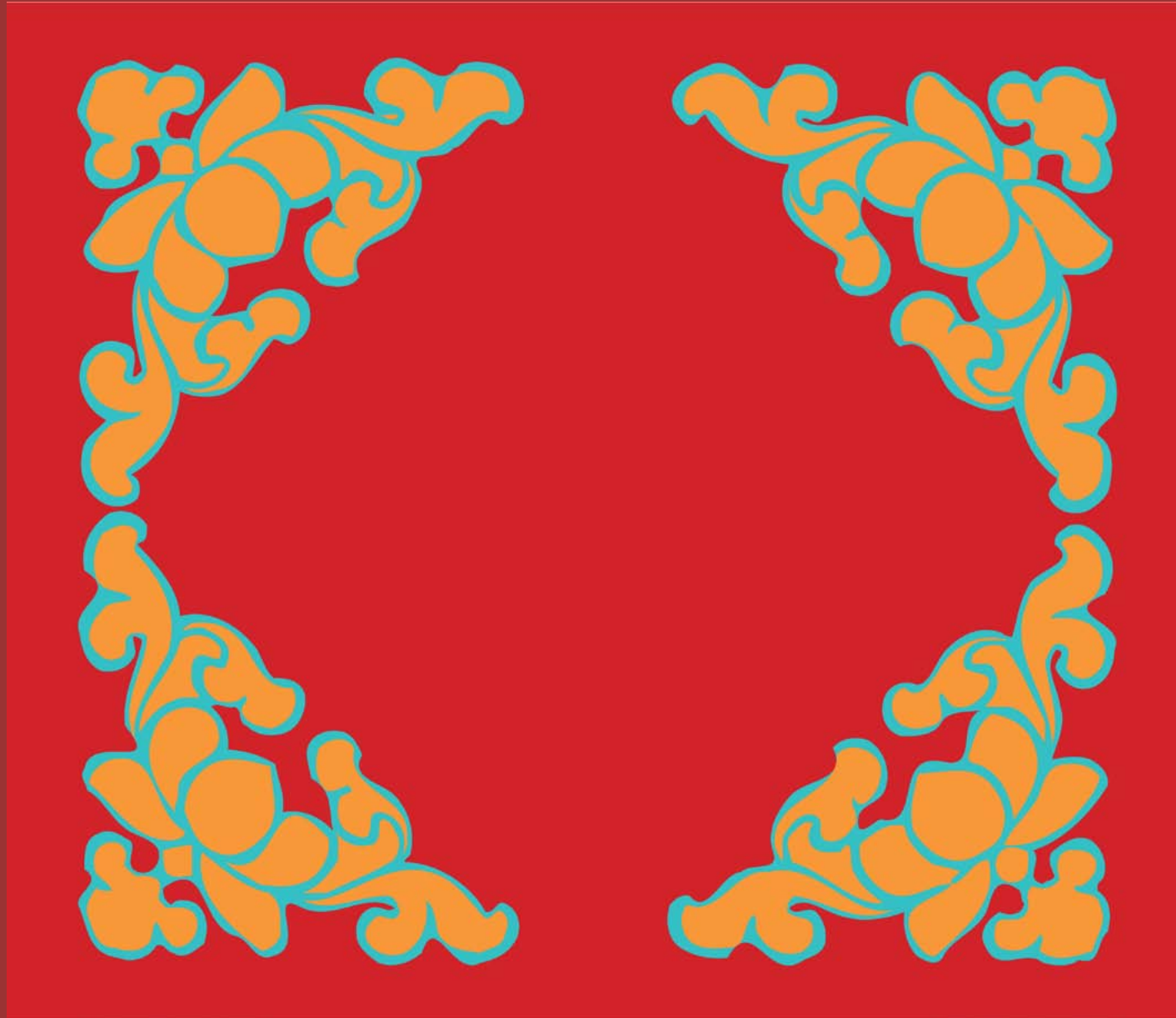












Some of the KTD Staff

























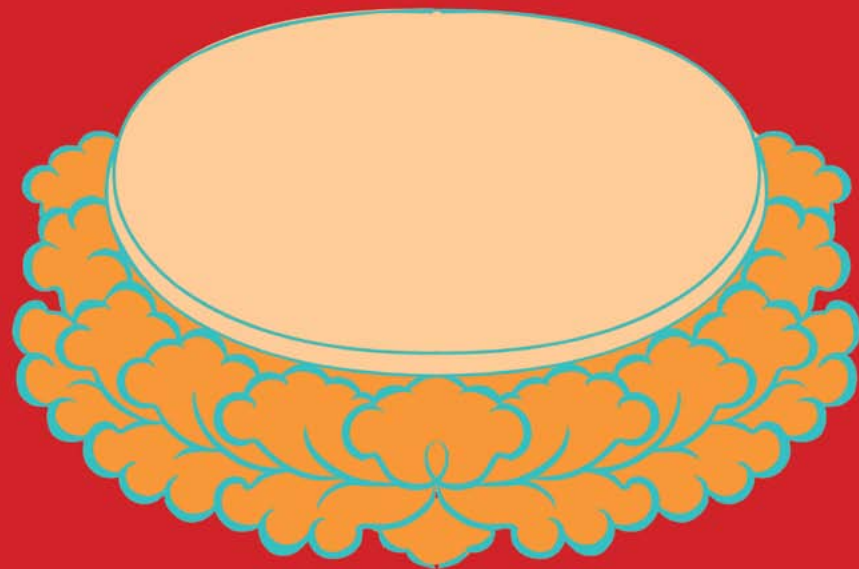












Some of the KTD Sangha in Attendance























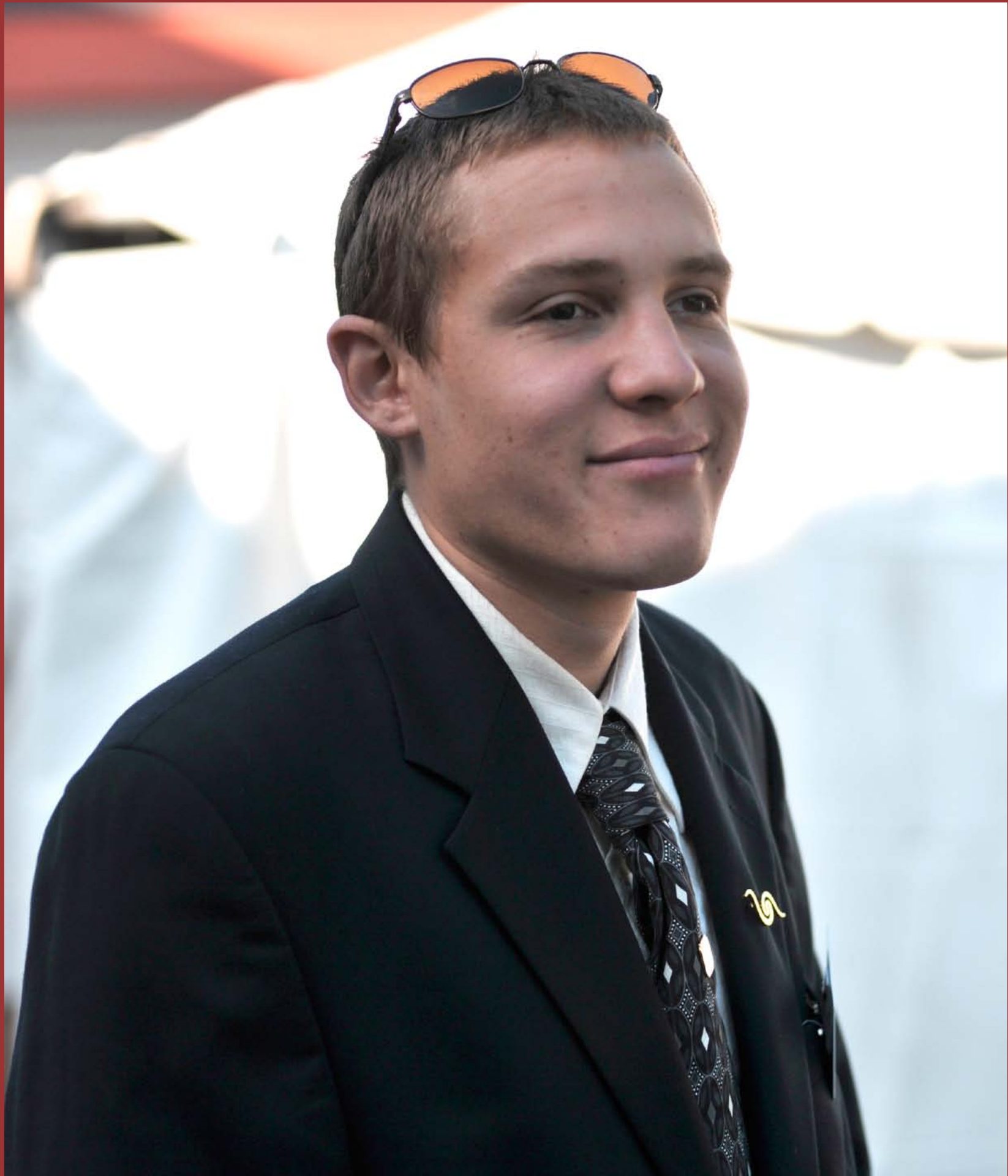














































































































































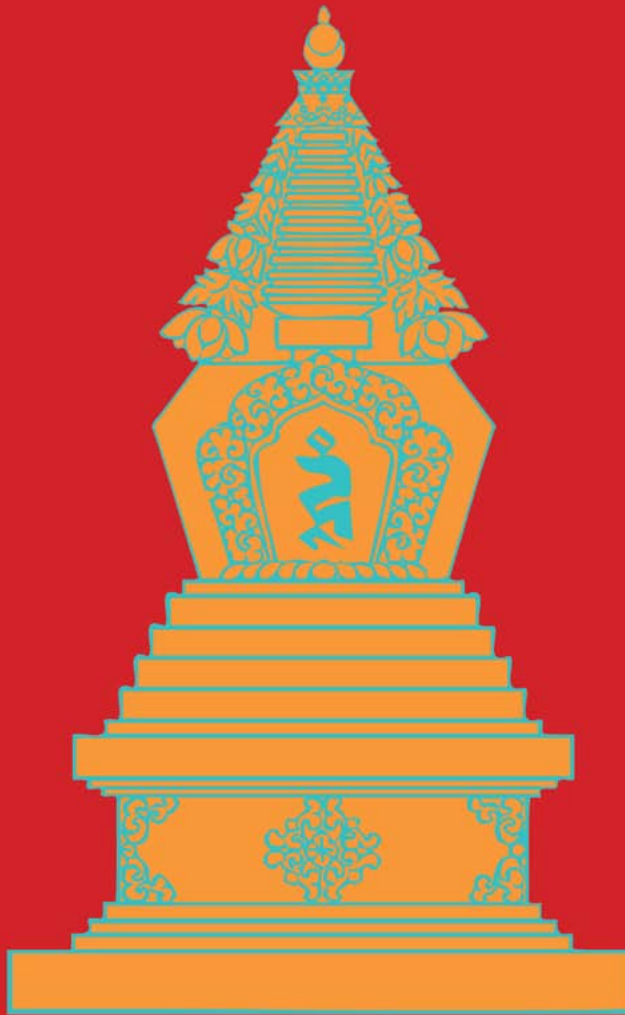




The video/audio crew for Karmapa's visit, including yours truly.











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The Heart Center

Established in 1972 by Michael & Margaret Erlewine, the Heart Center has been a KTC (Karma Thegsum Chöling) since the mid-1980s and more recently a KKSG (Karma Kagyu Study Group). The center has primarily been concerned with the translation and publishing of dharma practice texts in Tibetan and English, and preserving and publishing the teachings of the Ven. Khenpo Karthar Rinpoche.

The center is also a major astrological center, including the Heart Center Library, probably the largest astrological library in the world. Articles, free e-books, and forums on astrology, photography, and Buddhism can be found here:

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