

## THANK YOU 2019 & HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020

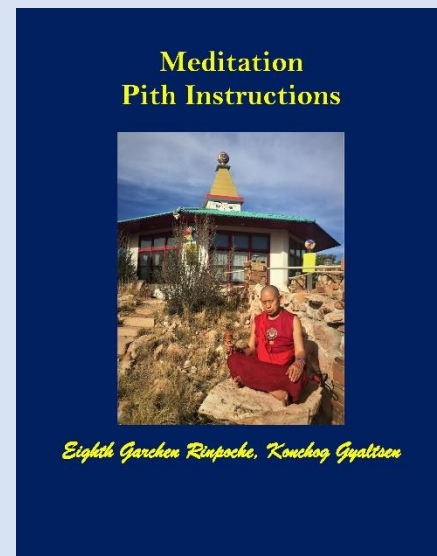


Drikung Dharma Surya Center (DDSC) and all of us wish you our most sincere “Tashi Delek” with abundant blessings of peace, happiness and love in the Holiday Seasons and New Year 2020. Since its establishment in 2011, DDSC has and continues working tirelessly to fulfill the aspiration and vision of His Holiness the 37th Drikung Kyabgon Chetsang and Garchen Rinpoche, serving as the “Sun of the Dharma” to benefit all Buddhists and everyone from various originalities, from all walks of life, from all walks of faith and tradition in the Nation’s Capital of America area and beyond. Our heartfelt thanks to all of you for the unconditional support in so many ways to contribute towards the fulfillment of the enriching BuddhaDharma mission of DDSC.

Your kindness and generosity have helped us to reduce the commercial mortgage loan of DDSC temple to \$189,000.00 at present. While seeing the outstanding mortgage as karmic debt of DDSC and all of us collectively, we humbly request your assistance in many ways you can to help us pay off this debt by May 2020 if all possible to avoid refinancing with possible higher commercial interest rate. *Please visit DDSC website at <http://drikungdharma.org/donation/> or Drikung Dharma’s Fundraiser on Facebook. All donations are 100% tax deductible under 501(c)(3) IRS Code.*

As a small token of appreciation, we would like to offer and share with you a 154-colored page book titled, “*Meditation Pith Instructions from Garchen Rinpoche*”, containing the heart-to-heart transmission of oral instructions and advices on meditation that Garchen Rinpoche bestowed at DDSC in August of 2015. The book is exclusively for use in Dharma study, for free distribution, and downloadable from DDSC website at <http://drikungdharma.org/meditation-pith-instructions/>, where everyone can read, print and make his/her own book if so desired. It is our prayer that this treasury of sacred dharma is preserved and spreads far and wide with the sole wish to benefit all sentient beings without exception and bring peace and happiness into this world.

In 2019, we have successfully offered twenty-seven (27) dharma programs, including the annual 4-day Guru Rinpoche Bhum Tsok Ganachakra Puja, Mani Drupchen, World Peace Mandala Blessings Retreat with Tashi Kyil Monastics, and Medicine Buddha Retreat with Sera Mey Monastics, besides the regular weekend Garchen Children’s Practices, Buddhism 101, Calm Abiding Meditation, and Drikung Ngondro classes. With DDSC as the spiritual home of everyone, we continue to support International Buddhist Association of America (IBAA) providing outreach to all American Buddhists of 3 Yanas at state and national level, local Capital Area Tibetan Association (CATA), Mongolian Washington DC area Buddhist Community, and Nepalese Tamang Society of Greater Washington (TSGW). We have also installed and consecrated the 7 foot-tall statue of Buddha Ksitigarbha with His prayers in the left front yard of the temple by the Thirty-Seven (37) Practices of Bodhisattvas, where visitors can venerate, read and sit on tree stump chairs to study and contemplate. We have and continue to recite the sacred Kangyur (spoken words of Lord Buddha) of 108 volumes, which are now properly housed in the special-built shelves on both sides of the temple altar. We were able to replace the old Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC) furnace system for the temple’s lama house, and replace the old sewer pump and improper pit/piping to septic tank for the temple’s lower level bathroom. We have been able to do and accomplish all that and much more in 2019, because we have the support from many wonderful individuals like you with donated funds, time, energy, space and volunteer workforce.



*Eighth Garchen Rinpoche, Kunchog Gyaltzen*



Each one of you, near and far, has been a valuable member of the Drikung Dharma Surya family, and an integral part of its growth and success. **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!** Our aspirations and actions do not stop here, and we are thrilled to invite you to get ready for an exciting 2020. We are working closely with Garchen Buddhist Institute to arrange and set up livestreaming of precious teachings to be bestowed directly by Garchen Rinpoche from Chino Valley, AZ, while we continue to work on USA Visa applications to sponsor additional ordained monastics from the glorious Drikung Kagyu lineage to DDSC temple to fulfill its envisioned aspiration in the furtherance of BuddhaDharma in the West. We are revamping the website as we speak and hoping to launch a new look in early 2020! Last but not least, we sincerely ask all of you to join us, with devotion and gratitude, in continuing recitation and accumulation of White Tara or Namgyalma mantras for the long life and excellent health of beloved Garchen Rinpoche as he will turn age 84 soon.

With love and deepest gratitude,

**Quang Bui**

*On the Behalf of Board of Directors, Drikung Dharma Surya Center*