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Purification Retreat Weekend

35- Confession Buddhas Teachings & Practice

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Saturday ~ Sunday, July 23 ~24, 2016



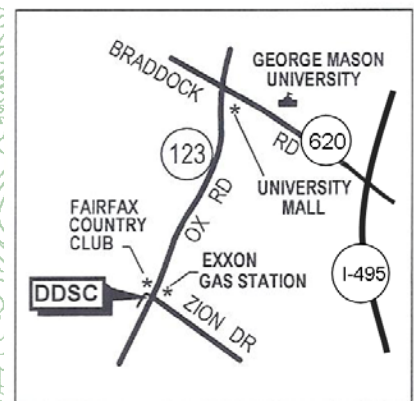
Ten Dharma Activities Empowerment
Confession of Downfall Teaching
35-Confession Buddhas and Purification Practice
Instructions and Mantra Recitation

Saturday and Sunday, July 23 & 24
10AM~5 PM 35-Confession Buddhas Teachings & Practice
12 Noon ~2 PM Lunch Break

(Over for details)

Suggestion Donation:
\$60 per person entire weekend
No one turned away due to lack of funds
Your greater generosity is always appreciated

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Venerable Khenpo Choephel is originally from Drigung Thil Monastery, the head monastery of the Drikung Kagyu lineage. While at Drikung Thil, Khenpo received many teachings and instructions, first from Pachung Rinpoche and later from Pachung Rinpoche's successor, Gelong Rinpoche Vajradhara Tenzin Nyima. Aside from having received extensive teachings in Mahamudra from these two great masters, Khenpo also is a master in the ritual-traditions of Drikung Thil Monastery and has further received training in debate and philosophy at Drepung Monastery in Tibet. Before he left Drikung Thil for Nepal, Khenpo Choephel served as the chant-

master of the monastery. In 2007, he was appointed "Khenpo" by Drikung Thil Monastery. Khenpo served as one of the three spiritual directors at Tibetan Meditation Center in Frederick, Maryland until 2011 and now is the Resident Lama and Spiritual Director of the Three Rivers Dharma Center in Pittsburgh, PA. Khenpo Choephel is giving a series of teachings and leading the retreats on the Five-fold Path of Mahamudra, which is the most important profound practice and essence of all the dharma of Buddhism.



Thirty-five Confessional Buddhas

Practicing confession to the 35-Buddhas is to purify past negative karmas and create positive merits for realization of the path of enlightenment. Buddha Sakyamuni gave teachings to his followers on the power of confession and revealed different purification methods, such as prostrations to and recitation of the names of the 35 Buddhas, who are all manifestations of Buddha Sakyamuni. In the past, when the 35 Buddhas were bodhisattvas, they made many prayers to be able to benefit sentient beings, in order to easily purify our defilements and negative karma. When they achieved enlightenment, they achieved the Buddha's ten qualities and powers, one of which is the power of prayer. So, their names have the power of all those past prayers. That is why, when sentient beings recite their names, they have so much power to purify defilements and eons of negative karma.



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