

THE VENERABLE LAMA LHANANG'S CENTER IN NEW MEXICO:

Opening Description:

The Venerable Lama Lhanang Rinpoche has provided the incredible spiritual and artistic vision for his students and friends to proceed in developing a profound multi-purpose Center in New Mexico that will truly benefit a vast multitude of sentient beings. Rinpoche has determined that the greater focus of his beneficial spiritual activities will be in Mexico and New Mexico. With the Mexico project already underway, this document will serve as the opening description and framework to begin the New Mexico project. May All Sentient Being Benefit!

About the Location:

The Chama area of far Northern New Mexico is a scenic unspoiled alpine wonderland. The average elevation is approximately 8,000 of rolling countryside with higher surrounding snow mountains. There are a serious of pure rivers and streams that are unpolluted and spring fed, and the surrounding areas are very rural and undeveloped, with many acres of National Forest land and near the land of the Jicarilla Apaches. The appearance of the land is very open and rolling with stunning alpine backdrops and a winding river.

About the Center:

Rinpoche has described the unfolding of his vision for a Center in this area in a series of steps and projects that will provide many dedicated students, friends, and sponsors the opportunity to participate and support the development of his dream during the next few years. This opening document is intended for those interested in helping and contributing in the first stages of the manifestation of Rinpoche's pure vision into the physical reality of a Center that will provide the wisdom nectar of pure compassion to sentient beings. May All Benefit!

Beginning Steps:

A small group of dedicated students and friends, selected by Rinpoche will form a Board of Developers for the Center and begin communicating and assisting Rinpoche in late 2006 and early 2007. The group will accompany Rinpoche to the area in early 2007 for further planning, decisions, and ideas.

Phase 1: Location of the Center

The first emphasis in 2007 will be the location of auspicious land, at least 100 acres, that has the appropriate sublime characteristics as determined by Rinpoche. It will be necessary for the land to have a small creek or stream to fulfill future projects. Substantial resources will be required to purchase the land, especially if land is found that already has useful construction. The Board of Developers will need to begin working on the acquisition of resources immediately.

Phase 2: The Facility

The land will need to have at least on livable structure in the beginning, either already present, or will need to be constructed immediately after purchase, requiring more early resources.

Phase 3: Mandala of the Twenty One Taras for World Peace

Rinpoche will lead the construction of a large Mandala dedicated to the Twenty One Taras. Everyone will be invited to bring stones for the construction of a three layer Mandala that will become the focus of peace gatherings. Statues of each of the Twenty One Taras will be placed in the center of the Mandala. Rinpoche has relics to place in the Mandala and will invite others to contribute items.

Phase 4: Dharma Retreats with Rinpoche and Others

Facilities will be developed so that a summer and autumn retreat can be held with Rinpoche each year. Rinpoche also plans to invite other Masters from Tibet.

Phase 5: Achieving Self-Sustaining Ability

A large number of start up resources will be necessary to purchase the land, develop a residence, the mandala, and the retreat facility. In order to sustain the activities of the Center and generate resources for the later phases, several auspicious commercial endeavors will be developed under the guidance of Rinpoche.

Commercial Areas:

Commercial areas can either be developed on the Center land, or perhaps at another location closer to town if the site of the Center proves to be very rural.

A large restaurant: Lama's Kitchen: The Venerable Lama Lhanang will design an artistic dining experience and will also develop the menu to include healthy choices.

Gift Shop: To feature Dharma practice items and art.

Residential Areas: For those that want to work and contribute, a restricted residential area will be developed that will also help generate funds.

Phase 6: Mandala of the Five Wisdom Buddhas

Rinpoche's vision for the Center is to develop a Five Wisdom Buddha Mandala with gardens, so that people can come to practice Dharma, meditation, and prayer in each of the Five Centers of the Mandala to develop the associated wisdom nature of the Buddha Families for the benefit of others.

Future Developments:

Three Year Retreat Center: The development of an isolated area for long retreat.

Buddhist Philosophy Educational Center:

For those seeking a richer Buddhist education.

Dharmakaya Publishers:

Providing the means to publish Rinpoche's work and those of the Tibetan Masters that he will invite to the Center.

Clinic:

To develop a clinic for the community and area where Tibetan, Chinese, Western and other healing modalities will be available.

Conclusion:

As is evident, the unfolding of this Center has the potential to benefit in a multitude of vast and specific ways including the direct benefits for world peace and healing. It also provides auspicious opportunities for many to help, as many diverse skills and resources are needed. If you are interested in assisting, please write to one of the following. An email newsletter and website are being developed in the near future to improve communication and cohesion of those involved.

May All Obtain Omniscience!

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