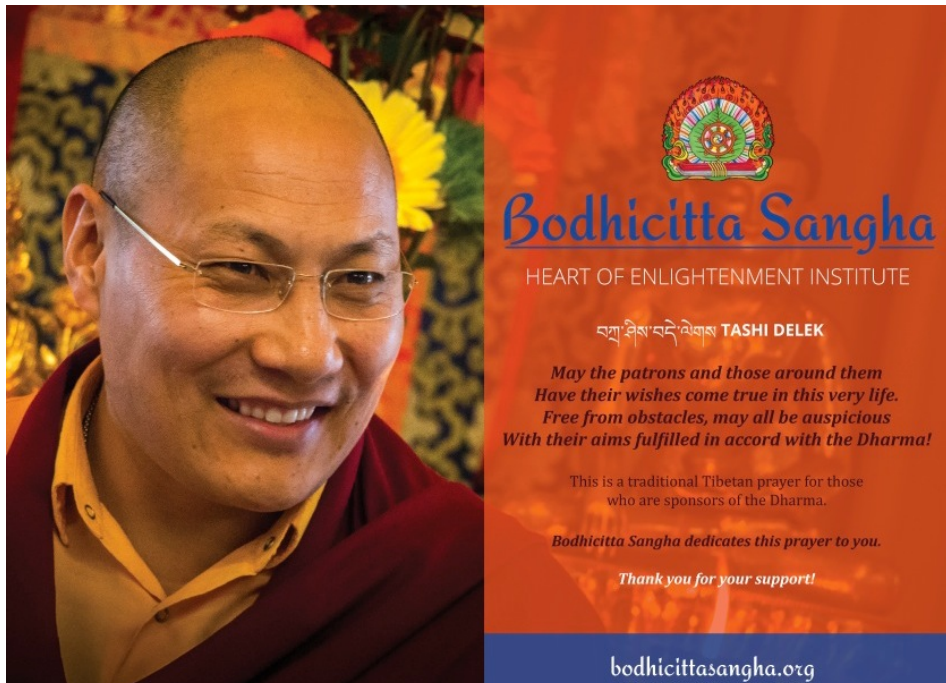

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Bodhicitta Sangha | Heart of Enlightenment Institute



We thank our students, volunteers, donors, and coordinators for their ongoing support of Khenpo Sherab Sangpo's teachings and for making his life in the USA possible.

Letter from Khenpo Sherab Sangpo

Thank you for your involvement and support this past year.

My motivation as a Buddhist teacher is to share the precious teachings that I received from my root teachers and lineage masters so that all of my students may reach their full spiritual potential. Over the past year, I have been inspired to see my students growing in their meditation practice and experience. I am thankful for the many hours that our dedicated volunteers have given to support our community and for the generous donors who allow me to live and teach in Minnesota and online. I sincerely ask all of my students to maintain the harmonious, kind mind of bodhicitta in their individual practice and in our group practices together. The main purpose of our Sangha is for each of us to train our minds and to develop our bodhicitta so that all of our activities increase love, kindness, and compassion in our world.

Khenpo Sherab Sangpo | *Spiritual Director and President, Board of Directors*

Community Milestones

Khenpo Sherab Sangpo began his Buddhist studies with the famed master **Khenchen Padma Tsewang**, with whom he studied for over twenty years. Recognizing his great potential, his root

teacher enrolled him in the monastery's monastic college, Ngedön Shedrub Targyé Ling in Arik Dza, Tibet, when he was only thirteen years old.

In 2003, Khenpo Sherab Sangpo was sent by Khenchen Padma Tsewang to teach at the Rangjung Yeshe Institute Centre for Buddhist Studies in Kathmandu, Nepal. While teaching in Kathmandu, Khenpo Sherab Sangpo met and taught **Cortland Dahl**, who would found in 2004, the Rimé Foundation, a nonprofit organization formed to make the “wisdom of the Tibetan [Buddhist] tradition accessible” to students in the West.

In 2006, the **Rimé Foundation** invited Khenpo Sherab Sangpo to teach in Minneapolis, Duluth, and Fargo from August 2006 through July 2007, and again from February through June 2008.

In May 2008, **Bodhicitta Sangha | Heart of Enlightenment Institute** was incorporated as a nonprofit in Minnesota with Khenpo Sherab Sangpo, President; Ann McFadden, Treasurer; and John Bohumil, Secretary of the Board of Directors. A large mandala of dedicated volunteers helped Khenpo Sherab Sangpo to establish his life in Minneapolis and teaching activities at **Bodhicitta Sangha - Minneapolis**.



Khenpo Sherab Sangpo with his first root teacher, Khenchen Padma Tsewang, in Tibet

“The focus of my teachings is to guide my students in developing their bodhicitta mind—a kind heart filled with love and compassion for all beings.”

-KHENPO SHERAB SANGPO

In January and April 2007, Khenpo Sherab Sangpo gave his first teachings in Duluth. **Bodhicitta Sangha - Duluth** formed with coordination by Rick Dalen, Robert Aho, Candace Keane, and Scott Pourpore-Haats, with weekly meditation and weekend retreats being offered since 2007.

In March 2012, Khenpo Sherab Sangpo gave his first teachings in Ely. **Bodhicitta Sangha - Ely** formed with coordination by Kim McCluskey and Rebecca Kali, with multi-day residential retreats and weekly meditation being offered since 2012.

In December 2013, Khenpo Sherab Sangpo gave his first teachings in Hibbing. **Bodhicitta Sangha - Hibbing** was formed with coordination by Marmie Jotter and Clint Spotts, with weekly meditation practice and weekend retreats offered since 2013.

In 2012, Kate Thomas encouraged Khenpo Sherab Sangpo to allow Martin Thomas to start videotaping his Dharma teachings and to create an online Dharma community for his international and Minnesota-based students. Working together toward this goal, they revised the website, newsletter, and social media pages. By May 2015, over 1,467,102 minutes during 131,058 views of 225 videos of Khenpo Sherab Sangpo’s Dharma teachings were watched on our **YouTube Channel**. In addition, curriculum support for the teachings was begun to be

developed and added to our website with students from all over the world requesting practice interviews and discussing the teachings via our **Facebook Groups**.

In 2014, **Khenpo Sherab Sangpo** gave weekly meditation teachings on *Lojong* with weekend retreats on the *Heart Sutra*, *Vajrasattva*, *White Tara*, and *Vipaśyanā* in addition to offering many students Refuge and Bodhisattva Vows. The 2014 teaching cycle culminated in a four-day residential retreat on the *Six Bardos and Phowa* at Bodhicitta Sangha - Ely in May. Summer and fall group meditation practice was offered in Minneapolis by Mary MacEachen, Ann McFadden, Kate Thomas, and Steve Tibbetts. Heather Korell coordinated the online Dharma Discussion Group on Facebook and in person in Minneapolis.

If you have questions about our teachings, please contact Teachings Coordinator, Kate Thomas, at 651-647-6767, or kate@bodhicittasangha.org.

Thank you, Volunteers!

Our meditation community is an entirely volunteer run organization.

Our volunteers are essential to the success of every aspect of our organization. We are grateful to have talented volunteers who selflessly offer their skills, experience, and wisdom in service to Khenpo Sherab Sangpo and our Sangha in Minneapolis, Duluth, Ely, and Hibbing; as well as to our online community via our website and social media offerings.

In 2014, volunteers assisted the organization with financial management, web design, marketing and communications, video production, retreat development and organization, transportation for our teacher, curriculum development and practice support, opening and closing our meditation spaces, and many other essential activities. Dedicated students gave thousands of hours over the year to build our spiritual community through their generosity and commitment.

Without our volunteers, Khenpo Sherab Sangpo would not be able to live and teach in Minnesota.

If you would like to contribute your talents and enthusiasm, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Heather Korell, at 612-644-4496, or heather@bodhicittasangha.org.

2014 Financials

Bodhicitta Sangha operates on a calendar year budget. The annual budget is developed by the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors who forwards it to the Board for review and approval. The expenses are largely tied to supports—housing, stipend, insurance, and health care—for Khenpo Sherab Sangpo and tied to expenses to run our programs (retreat supplies, rent at Tergar, etc). The income in the adopted budget comes from donations, retreat fees, and classes.

2014 Income		Statement of Financial Position	
		As of December 31, 2014	
Donations and reimbursements	\$28,404.35	Assets	
Programs (retreats, classes)	\$16,544.83	Cash and cash equivalents	\$28,464.17
Total Income	\$51,118.03	Other assets	\$800.00
		Fixed assets	\$3,155.97
2014 Expenses		Total Assets	\$32,420.14
Administrative expenses	\$11,050.42	Liabilities and Equity	
Program expenses	\$22,917.45	Unrestricted equity	\$15,269.98
Total Expenses	\$33,967.87	Net income	\$17,150.16
2014 Net Income	\$17,150.16	Total Equity	\$32,420.14
		Total Assets and Liabilities	\$32,420.14

Thank you, Donors!

Bodhicitta Sangha relies on many small individual donations to support the teaching activities and life of Khenpo Sherab Sangpo in Minneapolis. We do not have one large donor who supports our nonprofit, but rely on a large mandala of devoted students of Khenpo Sherab Sangpo in Minnesota and internationally. Since 2011, over 15 generous students have committed to recurring online monthly donations via our PayPal or GiveMN accounts on the Support page of our website (bodhicittasangha.org/support-us/). Recurring monthly donations are the best way for our Finance Committee to accurately plan our support strategy for our precious teacher. Please consider making a monthly pledge to support our nonprofit. Thank you!

The Finance Committee (Mary MacEachen, Jeremy Hallett, and David Doth) is pleased to answer any questions regarding our 2014 operating statements or about our donations process. Please email Mary MacEachen (mary@bodhicittasangha.org) and she will share your questions with the rest of the committee.

Our Board of Directors

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If you have any questions or feedback for the Board of Directors, please call 612-568-7880, or meditation@bodhicittasangha.org.