

Thosum Gephelling Institute



2008 Annual Report

Tashi Delek!



Another year has come and gone, and Thosum Gephelling Institute has had a very fortunate and productive year. Our young Institute has provided spiritual teachings and religious practices for scores of our members both at our humble temple/center and through outreach work in the greater community. We have made solid connections with other Buddhist organizations and we have developed a good collaboration throughout New England and the northeast with sister and brother organizations. We have hosted some of the most wonderfully qualified Tibetan Buddhist religious masters and received some remarkable spiritual instruction from our very own Thosum Gephelling Institute monks. I am honored to share with all of you the 2008 Thosum Gephelling Institute Annual Report.

Gary Keiser, President/CEO

Our Mission



Venerable Geshe Ngawang Singey

Thosum Gephelling Institute is devoted to nonsectarian spiritual teachings, practices and charitable outreach work and activities that support these causes. The Tibetan name "Thosum Gephelling" means, a place to learn to increase and expand one's virtue, and everyone is welcome at Thosum Gephelling Institute in this noble pursuit. TGI is dedicated to helping all beings attain wisdom, compassion and happiness through spiritual practice and development.

Programs



Our "Special Events" this year included:

- Khensur Rinpoche Jampa Tegchok gave an empowerment on White Tara and remarkable teachings as well.
- Teachings from Geshe Wandak Rinpoche on the Heart Sutra and other topics.
- TGI had a most successful debut screening the documentary, “Dalai Lama, Renaissance”
- TGI hosted the Ganden Jangtse monks who did a sand mandala for peace.
- Regularly scheduled weekly religious teachings were provided by Geshe Ngawang Singey on “The Lam Rim.” In addition, other Buddhist topics were covered by Venerable Jampa Tenzin and Venerable Lobsang Wangchuk and Venerable Lhundup Chodron.
- Chaplaincy services to prisoners were given by Ven. Jampa Tenzin who makes quarterly visits to inmates and groups of inmates in prison in New England. Tenzin leads meditation groups and provides spiritual instruction in the prisons.

Activities of The TGI MONKS



The Monks of Ganden Jangtse Monastery

Many times the life of TGI extends out from “The Center” into the greater community where requests are often made for spiritual services from all over Vermont and the region. Geshe Ngawang and Ven. Tenzin have officiated at funeral rites, marriage ceremonies, home blessings and other such services. in 2008.



Ven. Lobsang has also worked at TGI and Milarepa Center at preparing the blessings of religious articles, assisting in translating and providing invaluable help leading and co-leading practice rituals and teaching Tibetan classes.

Volunteers



Tenzin and Sandra

From TGI's beginnings volunteers have made the Institute possible. Starting with a solid and steady board providing guidance and oversight to just about ever member who has ever come to

TGI we are most fortunate to have an active group of people who are always willing to help. Volunteers maintain us all, from the garden to the internet. They have furnished our comfortable and warm place of spiritual practice, provided transportation when needed and helped in so many obvious and unsung ways.

Financial Statement

The dollars and cents side of the Institute does not of course reflect everything that makes TGI viable. It's noteworthy that our monks are provided for in terms of their housing and living expenses by agreement with their local host, and the hours upon hours of time that are put in gratas by our volunteers and benefactors make it all possible for us to serve the community.

We get no grants or other source of revenue but for direct donations, and here is a breakdown of the dollars and cents.

Fiscal Year July 1, 2007- June 30, 2008
(comparison by category)

Income:	Donations	\$5, 631.40
Expense:	Septic	\$1,590.80
	Teacher Offerings	\$ 900.00
	Practice Materials	\$ 648.95
	Temple Furniture	\$ 567.00
	Food	\$ 433.83
	Snow Removal	\$ 335.00
	Travel	\$ 300.00
	Fees	\$ 300.00
	Office Supplies	\$ 206.64
	Offerings	\$ 200.00
	Other	\$ 645.29

THOSUM GEPHELLING BOARD

Mary Mc Loughlin, Chairperson
Gary Keiser, President, CEO
Sandra Cortes, Vice President and Secretary
Kurt White, Treasurer

Special Thanks

Thanks to all of you for support you give to TGI and it's mission to help eliminate suffering and bring happiness to all beings.

Thanks to former Board Member Neil Carter for his dedication and hard work.

Thanks to Ed Softky for his hours and hours of dedication to the translation of our Tibetan teacher's words of dharma.

Thanks to Rob Goldenhill for his kindness and generosity to TGI.

Thanks to Bahman Mahdavi who makes our presence in cyberspace possible.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information contained in this report. Thanks to the Brattleboro Savings and Loan Bank and Ven Lhundup Chodron for her accounting assistance.



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