A letter from Geshe-la

October 7, 2010
To sponsors, students, and friends

I always say that since we are only in this life for a short period of time, we need to think about future generations. So it is with great joy that I announce The Geshe Tsulga Non-profit Corporation for Sera Je House #2A Monks and Affiliates, Inc.

This corporation is an approved Public Charity as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. It was created at my request and under my direction. Its mission is to provide for the educational and physical needs of the Sera Je House #2A monks, nuns, and affiliates worldwide. All funds collected for this purpose will be distributed according to my vision. No officer or board member will be compensated, and any expenses related to its operation will be covered by the officers and board members or raised separately and specifically for that purpose.

I have assembled a management team that has my trust and shares my vision. This team will successfully establish, operate, and develop The Geshe Tsulga Non-profit Corporation for Sera Je House #2A Monks and Affiliates, Inc. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce them to you now.

Tsun-ma Jampa Dolkar (Sue Macy) has the lifetime responsibility of ensuring that this corporation meets its goals. For the past 13 years she has managed my fund raising activities. She has established relationships with my monasteries and students in both India and Tibet, and worked in financial services for nearly 20 years before ordination.

I have asked William (Bill) Judge and his wife, Andrea, to also be members of the management team. I met Bill when I first came to America in 1993. He is one of my oldest and most trusted students, and my friend. He was my first Western student to live at my House at Sera Monastery. Bill is the creator of Bodhi Leaf Productions, and he produced a documentary of my life and my work. He also initiated the monk sponsorship program for my students in 1993 after traveling to Sera Monastery with me. Andrea, who is my long time student in addition to being Bill’s wife, has visited me and my students at Sera. Her background in office management and procedures will be instrumental in developing the processes and procedures to keep pace with the anticipated growth of the corporation.

Joy Paulson will complete the management team for the Geshe Tsulga Non-profit Corporation for Sera Je House #2A Monks and Affiliates, Inc. She is a student of Namgyal Khensur Jhado Rinpoche and is affiliated with Namgyal Monastery in Dharamsala, India, where I first met her in 2001. She has lived at my house at Sera Monastery, studied with me in America, and has established relationships with my students in both countries. She has a strong commitment to helping preserve Tibetan Buddhism and culture, as exemplified by her dedication and hard work toward achieving these goals.
Finally, I would like to thank Amy Harris, who has managed my personal affairs for over 12 years, for her contribution to the establishment of the corporation. Amy’s vast experience in establishing and running a non-profit business was instrumental in the development of the governing documents for this corporation. Additionally, Amy privately raises money for the House 2A healthcare fund, often with the help of her daughter, who visited me and lived at my house several years ago. I deeply appreciate their help.

I have lived and taught in America since 1993. Many of my students from the Kadampa Center, Kurukulla Center, Milarepa Center, Mexico, and Canada, have annually contributed to the monk/nun sponsorship program. This program includes over 90 monks and 70 nuns in India and Tibet. Most of those in India have escaped from my homeland of Kham, Tibet.

- Of the 82 monks in India, 21 have received a Geshe degree, the equivalent to a doctorate in Buddhist philosophy that takes on average 20 years to complete.
- All of the monks living in my house at Sera are pursuing Geshe degrees, and it is my hope that many will come to the United States to teach in the future.
- Several of my students have quietly returned to Tibet to help reestablish the Dharma in their homeland.
- I am happy to report that the nuns we sponsor in India now have the same opportunity to obtain their Geshe degree as do the monks. It is my hope that they will be among the first nuns to receive a Geshe degree.
- Seven young boys and girls from Kham, who have also escaped, are under my care at the request of their families. All are living and studying at the Tibetan school in the refugee camp near Sera Monastery.
- Additionally, your support is helping to re-establish the monasteries and nunneries in Kham, Tibet and to help build a school for the nomad children.

The Geshe Tsulga Non-profit Corporation for Sera Je House #2A Monks and Affiliates, Inc. will ensure that the work we have started together will be continue throughout the generations. With all of my heart, I thank you for helping me, my students, and my monasteries – but most importantly, I thank you for ensuring that Tibetan Buddhism will continue to flourish for generations to come.

Much Love,

October 7, 2010
How the program works

You can fully sponsor a monk, nun, child, or refugee for $200/year. Donations of any amount are appreciated. Donations are tax-deductible. The full 100% of your contribution goes to the recipient; all costs related to the operation of the corporation are offered separately.

It is also possible to make one-time donations and offerings to the general fund. These funds are used to provide assistance to the monks, nuns, and refugees who do not have sponsors, as well as to cover miscellaneous expenses for the participants, such as emergency healthcare needs.

At this time we can only accept checks. Please make your check payable to the Geshe Tsulga Non-profit Corp. and note the intent of the donation in the memo line. Please mail donations to our treasurer at the following address:

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