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Letter From the Editors

Enjoy, Share, and Celebrate!

Dear Friends,

Here's a special photo collage created by Bogusia Dausend in honor of Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche's 50th birthday. Enjoy! [See the photo >](#)

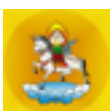
Many lucky people from around the world are presently [More >](#)



'The Forecast: Sunny and Clear'

An Excerpt From *Awakening the Sacred Body*, by Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche

The awareness of openness is like the sun shining in a clear sky. If the sun is shining, there is warmth in the space. If there is awareness of openness in the central channel, there is warmth in the central channel, in the core of your being. When there is warmth in the core of your being, that warmth gives birth to positive qualities that flower internally and benefit your life. The longer you are able to remain in meditation while being open and aware, the more you will [More >](#)



Accumulating Long-Life Mantras

Please Report Your Totals by March 3

As of Feb. 19 **more than 2.5 million** long-life mantras and prayers have been recited in honor of Geshe Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche's 50th birthday. The total count will be presented to Rinpoche during his birthday celebration in Nepal on March 6 and 7. Maybe we can reach 3 million by March 3, the last day to add to the count and report your accumulated prayers. You can learn more about logging your accumulations at: <http://lishu.org/bon-buddhism-tibet/long-life-mantra-rinpoche.html>

We hope someone will send us a good photograph of Rinpoche's smile when he receives all our mantras and prayers, so we can share it with all. Photos can be emailed to voiceofclearlight@ligmincha.org.



New Online Course on the Five Elements Begins in March

Registrations Now Being Accepted

Ligmincha Institute is pleased to offer a new seven-week online course, **Introduction to the Five Elements: Healing With Form, Energy and Light**. The course will take place from March 12 through April 23, 2011. It is based on a series of instructional videos, specifically produced for the purpose, in which Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche explores how each of the five natural elements — earth, water, fire, air, and space — relates to our daily experiences, emotions and relationships.

This is the first course offered through our new *Tibetan Meditation: Online Meditation Instruction* from Ligmincha Institute . [Learn more or register >](#)



European Bon Garuda Newsletter

Announcing the First Issue!

We are happy to announce the premier issue of the [European Bon Garuda Newsletter](#). A joint venture of the community of European students of Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche, this online

publication was created with
[More >](#)



New Gem of a YouTube Video

A Montage of the Great Bon Stupa Consecration in Mexico

Don't miss this awesome new video with wonderful highlights of the internal consecration of the Great Bon Stupa for World Peace held in Mexico last December. Rinpoche recently shared on [his Facebook page](#) the news of this 10-minute video, edited by Enrique Garcia; and a link also appeared on [Ligmincha's Facebook page](#).

[See the video now >](#)



Ligmincha's Prison Project

An Update by Hannah Lloyd

Ligmincha Institute's Prison Project continues to develop and we are pleased to offer this update on its progress.

The Prison Project, now in its second year, is a member of the Prison Dharma Network. It consists of three modules of simplified basic meditation practices that are presented to inmates who [More >](#)



Upcoming Retreats

Ligmincha's Serenity Ridge Retreat Center

The retreats described below will take place at Serenity Ridge, Ligmincha Institute's retreat center in Nelson County, Va. To register or for more information, click on the links below, or contact us at registration@ligmincha.org or 434-263-6304.

April 13 - 17, 2011

Living With Joy, Dying in Peace

Gaining Comfort and Intimacy With the Dying Process

Annual Spring Retreat With Geshe Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche

Denying our own mortality not only separates us from the vibrancy of living in the moment, it also leaves us ill equipped for the critical moment when death comes to ourselves or to our loved ones. The Bon Buddhist tradition is rich with knowledge and methods for using this Great Moment wisely. Through teachings and guided meditations, in this five-day retreat Geshe Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche will help us to: recognize death as a doorway to opening the heart and achieving self-realization; prepare for our own death; and learn how to promote a more peaceful, uplifting dying process in others.

[Learn more or register >](#)

May 18 - 22, 2011

Self-Purification Through the Five Enlightened Bodies

With Khenpo Tenpa Yungdrung Rinpoche

Please join us this May for these special teachings with [Khenpo Tenpa Yungdrung Rinpoche](#), abbot (khenpo) of Triten Norbutse Monastery in Kathmandu, Nepal. A powerful means of purifying oneself on all levels of experience, these teachings from the ancient

Zhang Zhung Nyen Gyu

cycle of dzogchen teachings have never before been offered at Ligmincha.

[Learn more or register >](#)

June 11-24, 2011

Summer Work Retreat

Free of charge. Whether you join us for one afternoon, one day, one week, or the entire two weeks, this is a wonderful time to share with sangha and to be of joyful service. Our work retreat includes vigorous work periods, daily meditation practice, and ample time for a swim in the pool or a walk along the Rockfish River. Participants are provided with free air-conditioned accommodations in Garuda House and free meals. For those who participate in one full week, there will be a 50 percent discount on one week of the summer retreat. If you participate in both full weeks of the work retreat, there will be a 50 percent discount on two weeks of the summer retreat.

For more information or to register, please email Ligmincha at registration@ligmincha.org or

call 434-263-6304.

June 24, 2011 (Friday), 4-8 p.m.

Fundraising Dinner at Serenity Ridge

**A special evening with His Holiness Lungtok Tenpai Nyima Rinpoche
and Geshe Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche**

Proceeds from this dinner will benefit the orphans under the care of His Holiness at Menri Monastery in Dolanji, India.

[Learn more or register >](#)

June 25 - July 15, 2011

**A View From the Heart: Purifying Your Vision Through the Practice of the Six Lamps
Annual Summer Retreat With Honored Guest H.H. Lungtok Tenpai Nyima Rinpoche
and Geshe Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche**

Everyone is cordially invited to join us this summer for a rare and unique opportunity to receive teachings and transmissions from [His Holiness Lungtok Tenpai Nyima Rinpoche, the 33rd](#)

[Menri Trizen](#)

; and [Geshe Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche,](#)

founder and spiritual director of Ligmincha Institute. Ligmincha's annual Summer Retreat is open to newcomers and longtime students alike. You may attend one, two, or all three weeks of the retreat.

[Learn more or register >](#)

Oct. 18 - 23, 2011

The Experiential Transmission of Zhang Zhung, Part 3

Dzogchen Teachings With H.E. Menri Lopon Trinley Nyima Rinpoche

We are honored by this special opportunity to receive dzogchen teachings from [His Eminence Menri Lopon Trinley Nyima Rinpoche,](#)

the head instructor of Menri Monastery in Dolanji, India.

Prerequisite: Participants must have received the teachings for Parts 1 and 2 of the [Experientia I Transmission of Zhang Zhung](#)

in order to attend these teachings.

[Learn more or register >](#)

Dec. 27, 2011 - Jan. 1, 2012

The Experiential Transmission of Zhang Zhung, Part 4

Annual Winter Dzogchen Retreat With Geshe Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche

Prerequisite: Participants must have received the teachings for Parts 1 and 2 of the [Experientia I Transmission of Zhang Zhung](#)

in order to attend these Part 4 teachings.

[Learn more or register >](#)

To register for any of the above retreats, or for more information about teachings in the Bon Buddhist tradition of Tibet, please contact us at registration@ligmincha.org or 434-263-6304, or go to:

<https://www.ligmincha.org/retreats/retreats.html>