



Letter from the Editors

Ligmincha's Beautiful 25th Anniversary at Serenity Ridge



Dear Friends,

Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche brought tears to everyone's eyes in honoring and giving thanks to all who helped create Ligmincha over the past 25 years during the 25th Anniversary commemoration at Serenity Ridge Retreat Center, headquarters of Ligmincha International, on October 22. So many special moments of joy, connection, prayer, love, creativity and gratitude were shared on the mountain in Virginia. And then there are the many worldwide sangha celebrations that took place over this year, as well! It's beyond words really, but we do have a very special letter from Rinpoche as he looks back and also looks ahead . . . and also a photo montage for you of pictures taken during the Fall Retreat and the October 22 anniversary day at Serenity Ridge!

Rinpoche expressed his feelings so eloquently that day:

As we are commemorating our 25th year of Ligmincha, I would like to express my deep gratitude. Many people have been here from the start of Ligmincha Institute, and even more have helped to support us since then. But not everyone who began this journey is still here: people have passed away, found other teachers and traditions, moved in different directions. But in every case, each individual's contribution continues to benefit so many others. Ligmincha's retreat centers, The 3 Doors, Lishu Institute, my books, the cyber-sangha: all of these are here because you and others like you helped create space and energy for these activities to continuously manifest. I'm forever grateful to all of you.

And we are forever grateful to you, Rinpoche.

The Cyber-Sangha Week of online events that began October 22 and continued over seven days went fabulously, as well, and it is highlighted below with links to features from around the world – nearly 20 countries – in honor of Rinpoche and Ligmincha's anniversary. Don't worry if you missed it on Facebook, the archive is here for you below! And if you haven't seen the 25th Anniversary commemorative book, it's wonderful, filled with old and new photos and lots of Ligmincha history, and it's available now!

A NEW online fundraising auction will be held starting December 1 to benefit Ligmincha International programs worldwide. See the details below.

Also included in December's issue: Learn about Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche's 2018 four seasonal retreats at Serenity Ridge. Meet Serenity Ridge's new managing director, Will Gallik. View Rinpoche's live Facebook teachings through December, plus two live conversations in early January. Read details about Ligmincha Learning's next online workshop on "The Three Heart Mantras" beginning January 5, 2018. Keep an eye out for a NEW Ngondro online course to be offered later in 2018 with Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche – details coming soon! GlideWing's next online workshop on "Awakening the Sacred Body: The Tibetan Yogas of Breath and Movement" begins January 6. An article about The 3 Doors upcoming programs, a link to *Ligmincha Europe Magazine* and a link to the Spanish translation of the October VOCL also are included in this issue.

And as always, you can find Rinpoche's upcoming teaching schedule on [Ligmincha's website](#). Check out his new schedule for 2018 soon.

In service in Bön,
Aline and Jeff