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A Letter From Ligmincha's Executive Director

The Year in Review – 2012

What a year! This year marks the 20th anniversary since Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche founded Ligmincha Institute. It has been a year of reflection, both looking at the past and looking toward the future. So much has been accomplished through Tenzin Rinpoche's tireless efforts worldwide in bringing the precious Bon teachings to so many of us, bringing awareness of the vast teachings of this tradition into our hearts and minds.

Over the last 20 years, Rinpoche has started centers and groups throughout the world. The main retreat centers are Serenity Ridge, Virginia, the international headquarters of Ligmincha worldwide; Chamma Ling Colorado, for personal retreats; Chamma Ling Mexico, in Valle de Bravo and Torreon—home of two incredible stupas; and Chamma Ling Poland, with its stupa. Efforts are now under way for a new European retreat center based in Germany to serve the whole of the European sangha.

News from Serenity Ridge



Administrative Changes



Changes this year in the Ligmincha Council have seen Polly Turner and Norman Dill stepping down from their positions as Ligmincha's Communications Director and Ligmincha's Director of Budget and Finance, respectively. We greatly appreciate their years of support. We warmly welcomed Mary Jo Herriman to join Joyce Asmussen as the Co-Director of Retreat Coordination. And most recently, we welcomed Rob Patzig as the new Director of Budget and Finance, and Dowdell and Kat Brown as Strategic Planning Consultants. Thanks to all of our Council members for their hard work and dedication. In addition, Karen Patrick has stepped down as the Volunteer Coordinator, an ongoing formal role although not a Council position. We thank her for being the first to help us in this way.

On our Board of Directors, Anne Klein has stepped down from her position. Anne was

instrumental in bringing Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche to the West. We thank her for her many years of support from the very start of Ligmincha Institute. We also thank Gabriel Rocco, chairman of the Board, for his support, and Yongdzin Lopon Tenzin Namdak Rinpoche for his continued support and guidance.

We've also had a number of changes in office staff. Earlier this year, we had a changeover in the Manager of our Bookstore & Tibet Shop. We thank Melissa O'Neill for her work and welcomed Bo Holland into this position in March. In May, Susan Wenzel was hired as my assistant. In July, Paige Hartsell, our Retreat Registration Coordinator, moved to New Jersey. We wish her well in her new life there. In August, Carrie Chandler began as an intern in the position of Retreat Registration Coordinator and Program Support. She is now living onsite, supporting retreat participants before and during retreats. Our longtime caretakers, Lee Hartline and Raven Cypress Wood, departed Serenity Ridge in September to live nearby. We are currently finalizing plans to fill the newly opened Maintenance Technician position at Serenity Ridge.

We've had a number of notable volunteer efforts this year, including Lutz Dausend's work on the international website; Zeyno Dodd's new retreat registration database for our office; Dave Liden's continued assistance with our current website and work to install a registration module for Serenity Ridge retreats into our new website; and the continued work of Aline and Jeff Fisher for Voice of Clear Light, now aided by Vickie Walter for editing and Mark Hammons for online publication. Also a big thank-you for the many other volunteers who have assisted during the year in a variety of ways, including at retreats.

And finally, we wish to thank those who have made financial donations this year. These generous contributions of time and finances greatly support the efforts of Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche, Ligmincha Institute and our Serenity Ridge Retreat Center. As an end-of-the year reminder, Ligmincha Institute is a 501(C)3 nonprofit organization. If you wish to make a financial donation, all donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

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New Website for the New Year

Many of you have perhaps heard whispers that we will soon have a new website for Ligmincha International and Ligmincha's Bookstore & Tibet Shop. We are grateful for sangha members Lutz and Bogusia Dausend, Dave Liden, Polly Turner, Bo Holland, Zeyno Dodd and Oliver Wirtz, who are working to create this new website. The main idea is that with a sangha now spread throughout the world, it is important to unify all of the websites so that we have one

place where sangha can find up-to-date information about Ligmincha, Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche and Rinpoche's international teaching schedule, along with easy access to his free international webcasts and online videos. Learn more about the new website in the article below.

We have exciting plans for the year ahead for more retreats and other events. If you have any questions, or wish to know more details, please [contact me](#) .

I wish you all the very best as this year comes to a close,

Sue Davis-Dill
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