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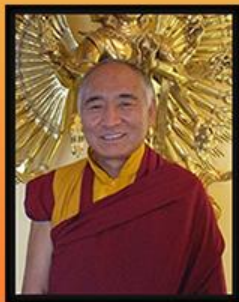
Center for Buddhist Studies

Annual Vajrakilaya Retreat



September 12 - 18, 2020

Videostreamed live from Tashi Choling to your living room!



*Ven. Khenpo Tsewang Dongyal Rinpoche
will join our retreat via Zoom and give
teachings from New York!*

Read Khenpo's bio [HERE](#)

We once again have the great good fortune to welcome Ven. Khenpo Tsewang Dongyal Rinpoche, live via Zoom from Padmasambhava Buddhist Center in New York. Khenpo will join us and give teachings on most days. Rinpoche is a renowned holder of the Dudjom Tersar lineage and a close student of His Holiness Dudjom Rinpoche!



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RETREAT SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 12th thru Friday, September 18th
(all times are in the Pacific timezone)

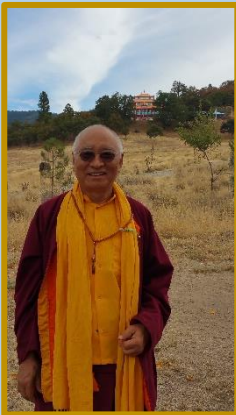
12:30 – 1:30 pm: Teachings (see below)

1:30 – 3:30 pm: Practice

3:30 – 4:00 pm: Short Break

4:00 – 6:30 pm: Practice

Plan for the Teachings



Khenpo will teach on September 12, 14, 16, and 18 on the parts of the sadhana that he didn't cover last year, namely the tsog section and confession practices. Recordings of his teachings in 2019 on the rest of the practice are available [HERE](#).

Lama Chonam and Sangye Khandro will teach on September 13, 15, 17 on other topics related to the Vajrakilaya practice.



Texts for this retreat can be ordered here:

Digital version: <http://www.vimalatreasures.org/DIGITAL-Putri-Reg-Pung-The-Miraculous-Activity-of-Vajrakilaya-the-Razor.aspx>

Hardcopy version: <http://www.vimalatreasures.org/putri-reg-phung-the-miraculous.aspx>

PLEASE NOTE: Vimala will close its mail order department starting Monday, Sept. 7th so that staff can focus on retreat set-up and supporting the retreat. Digital texts will be available throughout the closure, however, and staff will try to process digital text orders within 24 hrs of receipt. The closure will only affect orders for hardcopy texts, CDs, commentaries, books, photos, etc. The last day to place orders for these items is Sunday, September 6th. All orders received after that date will be mailed after September 19th. Thank you for your understanding!



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Venerable Gyatrul Rinpoche established this retreat as his samaya commitment to Kyabje Dudjom Rinpoche many years ago. Regarding this, Rinpoche says:

“Vajrakilaya is a powerful method to clear obstacles. His Holiness Dudjom Rinpoche told me to do it, saying that it would remove obstacles to the propagation of dharma and all virtuous spiritual and worldly activities. Also, the Dalai Lama asked me, seemingly out of the blue, ‘Do you practice Vajrakilaya?’” He encouraged me in the practice and told me that at his command, Vajrakilaya practices are carried out regularly at his monasteries in Dharamsala. These great masters have explained the power and blessing of Kilaya practice, so we should practice! If we don't listen to them, then to whom will we listen?”

Thus, at Kyabje Dudjom Rinpoche's request, Ven. Gyatrul Rinpoche promised to carry out a Vajrakilaya Retreat each year. For many years, the Tashi Choling sangha has kept this commitment. Read Venerable Gyatrul Rinpoche's teaching [HERE](#) about the importance of always keeping this retreat at Tashi Choling along with our spring Vajrasattva Retreat.

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Vajrakilaya, the wrathful emanation of Vajrasattva, the Buddha of Purification, is a powerful deity to practice for removing obstacles, cutting through negativity, and swiftly progressing on the path. By practicing this profound treasure of His Holiness Dudjom Rinpoche in a group setting, with all of the necessary ritual articles gathered, we have the opportunity to gather vast merit and root out our negative habits.

Just as Kyabje Dudjom Rinpoche foretold, Vajrakilaya practice is an important method for the removal of the obstacles facing all inhabitants of the world, particularly in these challenging and degenerate times. This retreat contributes to the pacification of all obstructing forces occurring worldwide, in our country, community, and within our own minds. Obstacles manifest as outer, inner, and secret, and this practice can and will remove them when engaged with wisdom awareness and the pure intention to bring benefit to all living beings. In light of the many disturbing events and difficulties arising both globally and on a personal level at this time, we hope that everyone can join us in this sacred effort!

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### **Attendance:**

**To attend, you must have received a Vajrakilaya empowerment or be engaged in daily practice of a ngondro or sadhana practice under the guidance of an authentic master.**

### **Retreat Fees:**

\$108 – Basic Contributor

\$250 – Supporter

\$500 – Sponsor

*(Or daily rate of \$20/day)*

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### ***Whether or not you can attend:***

**You can connect with and support this retreat in a deeper way by offering to sponsor any or all of the following:**

**PRAYER LISTS:** Names of the deceased and afflicted are announced daily, and the merit of the practice is dedicated to them and all beings. You can include names on either list -- write them in the "Notes" section of your PayPal donation or include a note with your check. Please indicate whether the names are for the deceased or suffering in this life. Names of the deceased will go into our next Ceremony for Guiding the Consciousness of the Deceased (the "Neydren" ceremony). *Please note:* It is customary to include a donation -- large or small, as your means allow -- when requesting prayers on someone's behalf. Our teachers have stated that this protects the being from accruing karmic debt and increases their connection to the blessings of the practices being done on their behalf.

**LIGHT OFFERINGS:** There is perhaps no offering as beautiful as the dancing flames of the candlelight offerings spread across the shrine each day! Sponsorship for an offering of 108 candles is \$35. You are welcome to provide a dedication to someone with your contribution (indicate this in a note in PayPal or on a piece of notepaper included with your check).

**GENERAL RETREAT OFFERINGS:** Your offering, in any amount, helps with the temple maintenance and upkeep. Your donation connects you to the retreat's activities and blessings and makes all the various aspects of the retreat possible!

**You may offer your sponsorship in one of two ways:**



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(a) Use this convenient [PayPal link](#)

**OR:**

(b) Make your check out to "Tashi Choling"  
and send it to  
P.O. Box 64, Ashland, OR 97520.

Please attach a separate note to your check that says  
"Annual Vajrakilaya Retreat"

**Any amount is appreciated,  
no matter how large or small!**

***THANK YOU!!!!***



***AND A SPECIAL REQUEST:***

*Our current sponsor for the annual Vajrakilaya retreat is no longer able to commit their yearly support. We are looking for one or more sponsors who would like to offer their support for this yearly retreat either as individuals or as a group. While all donations, large or small,*



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*are always appreciated, there are a great many expenses associated with this retreat that require a reliable yearly donation source.*

*If you are interested in offering in this special way, please send an email to [tcretreats@gmail.com](mailto:tcretreats@gmail.com) or send a letter to Tashi Choling, PO Box 64, Ashland, OR 97520. One of our board members will contact you.*

**Thank you!!!**

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