



KARME DHARMA CHAKRA

Communauté monastique bouddhiste

Dhagpo Kagyu Ling,
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Dear Dharma Friends and Practitioners,

On Friday, May 7, 2021, Tsewang Gyourme, a monk and practitioner in the community of Dhagpo Kundreul Ling, died naturally and peacefully in the retreat center where he was carrying out his fourth retreat of three years, three months, and three days. His mind remained in *tukdam* until Wednesday 26, day of the Vesak. This post-mortem meditative absorption signifies that the mind remains inseparable from its practice. The community will now accomplish the Amitabha practice once a week during 49 days.

Tsewang received the vows of full monastic ordination from Gendun Rinpoche in 1991. From 1991 to 1997, he carried out two traditional three-year retreats under Gendun Rinpoche's guidance. Thus, he received all of the required initiations from Gendun Rinpoche. Following these two retreats, he chose to remain at Kundreul Ling Monastery. Then, in 2016, several older monks including Tsewang decided to go back into three-year retreat to deepen their Gyalwa Gyamtso practice (a specific Chenrezig practice). Tsewang accomplished a three-year cycle entirely focused on this practice. At the conclusion of that cycle, he chose to continue his retreat for three more years.

Though the news of his death is sad, the fact that his mind remained inseparable from his meditation following his physical death is a very positive consequence of his practice. This is an excellent sign which shows that meditation practice, when applied, is effective.

I wished to share this news with you.

With my prayers,

Jigme Rinpoche

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