

# Karmapa at KTD



2011

## Dedication

May any merit from this book be dedicated in the same way that Buddhas and Bodhisattvas have always dedicated merit throughout the ages, and may this merit benefit all sentient beings and bring each to the genuine happiness of enlightenment in knowing the true nature of the mind.

## The Karmapas

The head of the Kagyu lineage of Tibetan Buddhism, the Karmapas were the first re-incarnate lamas in the Tibetan Buddhist system, and they date back to the 13th Century.

His Holiness the 17th Gyalwa Karmapa, Orgyen Trinley Dorje, made his first trip to the United States in May of 2008, traveling to his main seat in North America Karma Triyana Dharmachakra Monastery in the mountains above Woodstock New York, thus fulfilling his promise to return made in his previous incarnation.

Margaret and I have been students of the Venerable Khenpo Karthar Rinpoche for almost 30 years. We have watched Rinpoche follow the directives of the 16th Karmapa to build a traditional Tibetan-style monastery and residence for monks, as well as a complete 3-year retreat center, one for men and another for women.

Equally important are the many thousands of students like ourselves that Rinpoche has taught, helping to turn our minds toward the path of authentic dharma.

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This book is respectfully dedicated to our beloved teacher the Venerable Khenpo Karthar Rinpoche, abbot and teacher at KTD Monastery.

On July 17, 2011 His Holiness Orgyen Trinley Dorje, the 17th Gyalway Karmapa, visited Karma Triyana Dharmachakra Monastery in upstate New York (his seat in America) for the second time.

These photos not only celebrate His Holiness, but they also reflect his presences in the faces of those who were in attendance, including many students of KTD.



## Visit to Karme Ling 3-year Retreat



Waiting for His Holiness at Karne Ling



Arrival at Karne Ling



## Rice & Tea Ceremony





His Holiness and Khenpo Karthar Rinpoche



His Holiness and Khenpo Karthar Rinpoche





The sister of His Holiness was traveling with him.



Off to bless the retreat houses and cabins.



Khenpo Karhtar Rinpoche and many of his lamas head for the cabins.



His Holiness just blessed the 3-year retreatants in their closed retreat.



Retreat master Khenpo Karthar Rinpoche introduced the retreatants to His Holiness.



His Holiness blessed each retreat cabin separately



Khenpo Rinpoche waits for His Holiness at the cabin of Ani Karuna, his attendant.



Ani Karuna offers His Holiness a white scarf.



Off to the next cabin...





Blessing the cabins, flowers in hand.



His Holiness emerges from the men's 3-year closed retreat.



Khenpo Karhtar Rinpoche



## The Columbarium



Blessing the Columbarium, a shrine containing the ashes of the deceased.



At the columbarium...



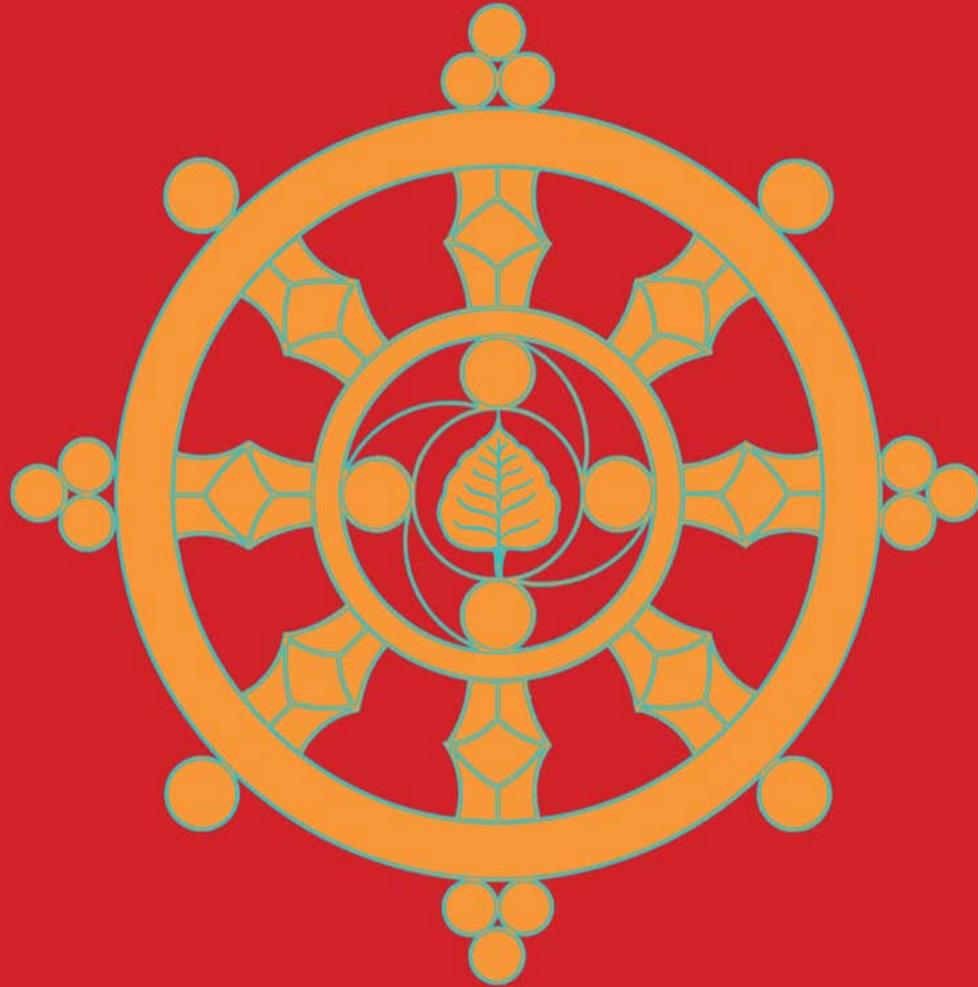
His Holiness at the Lamp House in the front of the Columbarium



His Holiness at the Lamp House in the front of the Columbarium



His Holiness saying goodbye to all of us at Karme Ling.



## The Teachings



His Holiness leaving the main gumpa for a teaching.







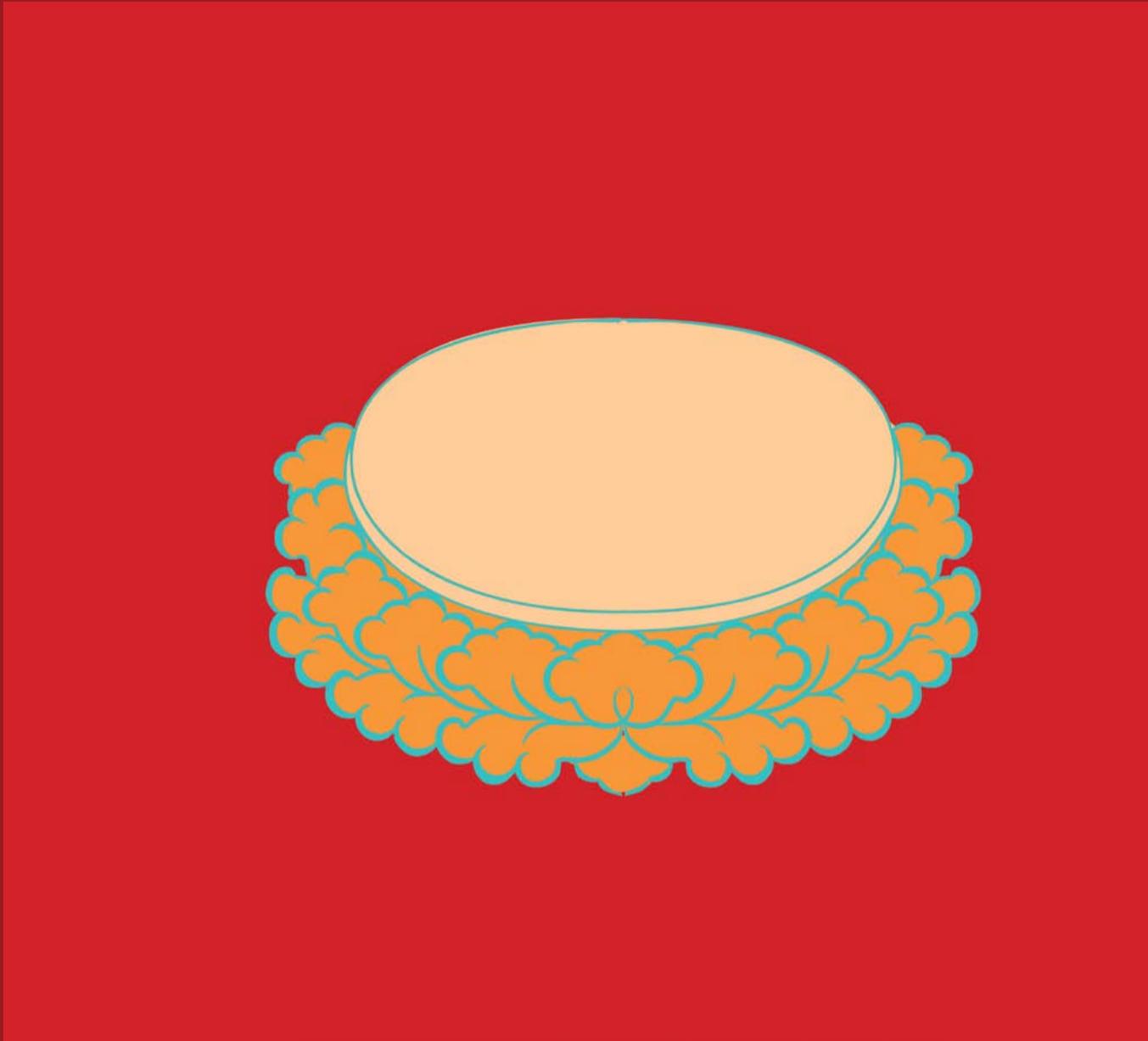


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## Arrival of His Holiness



Khenpo Karthar Rinpoche waiting for His Holiness to arrive.



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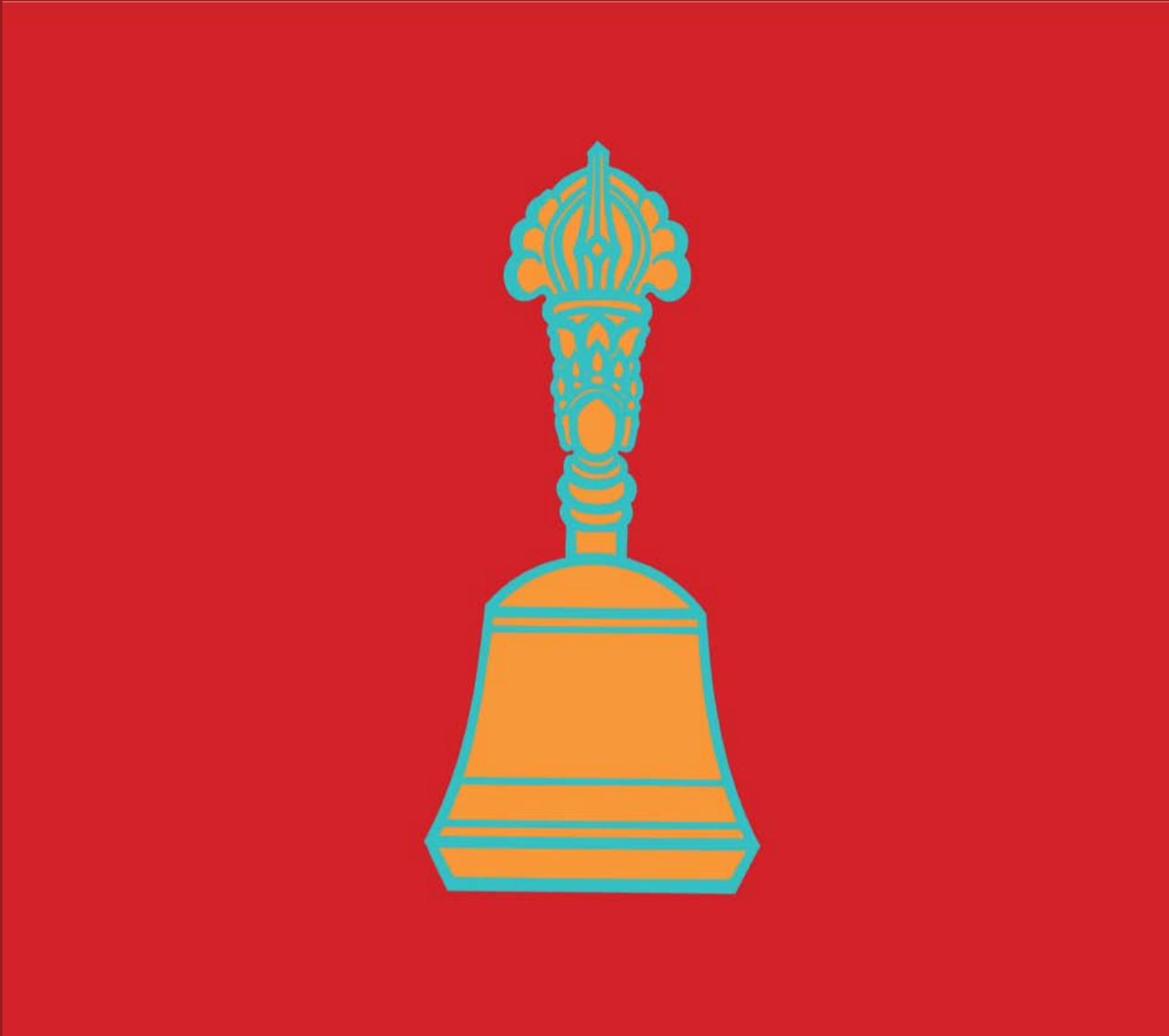
Khenpo Karthar Rinpoche offers His Holiness a white scarf











## Donor Luncheon



His Holiness at a special luncheon.





His Holiness inspecting the library of sacred texts.







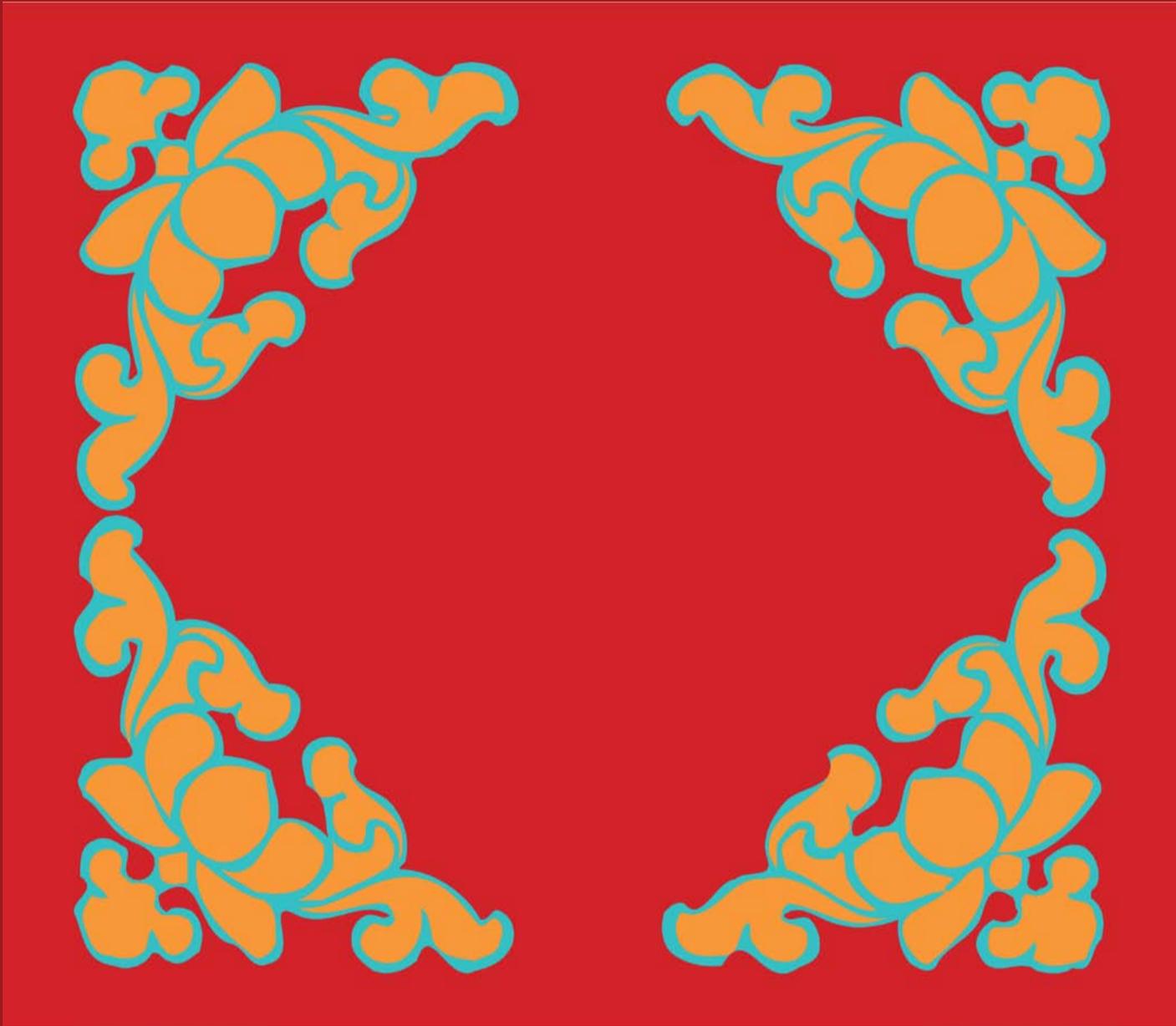


His Holiness sitting in front of a painting of the previous 16th Karmapa





His Holiness and the board of trustees of KTD.



## The Teachings



A traditional procession precedes His Holiness' arrival.





























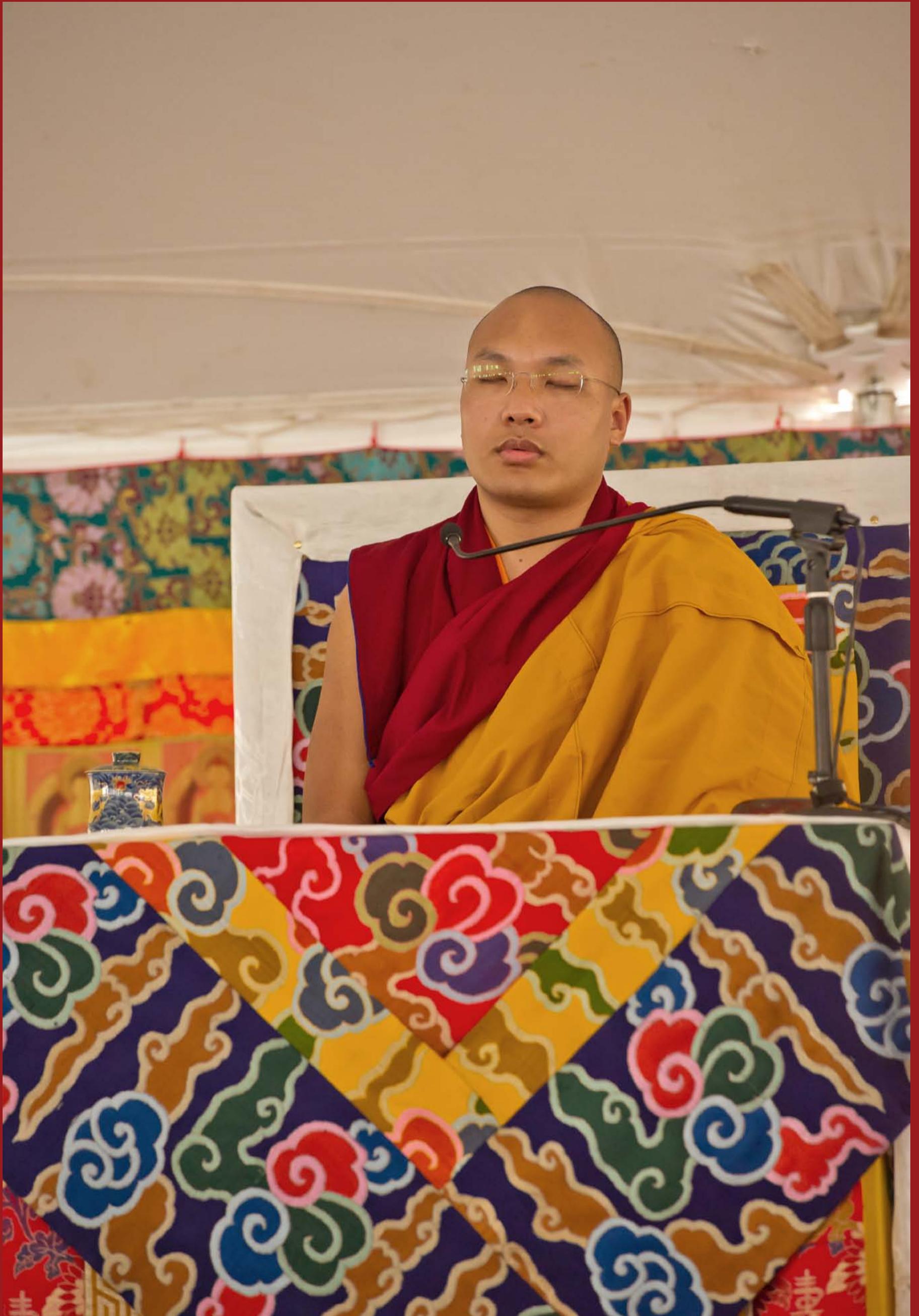
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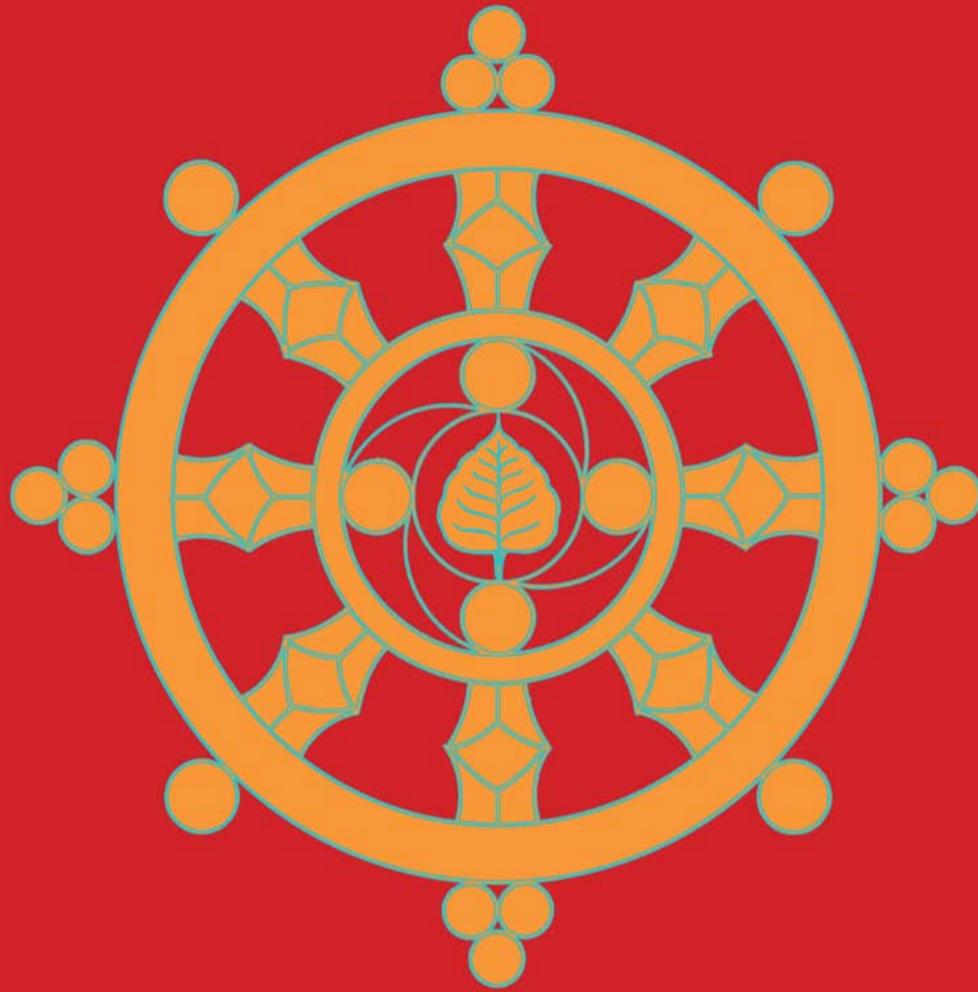












## The Ordained Sangha









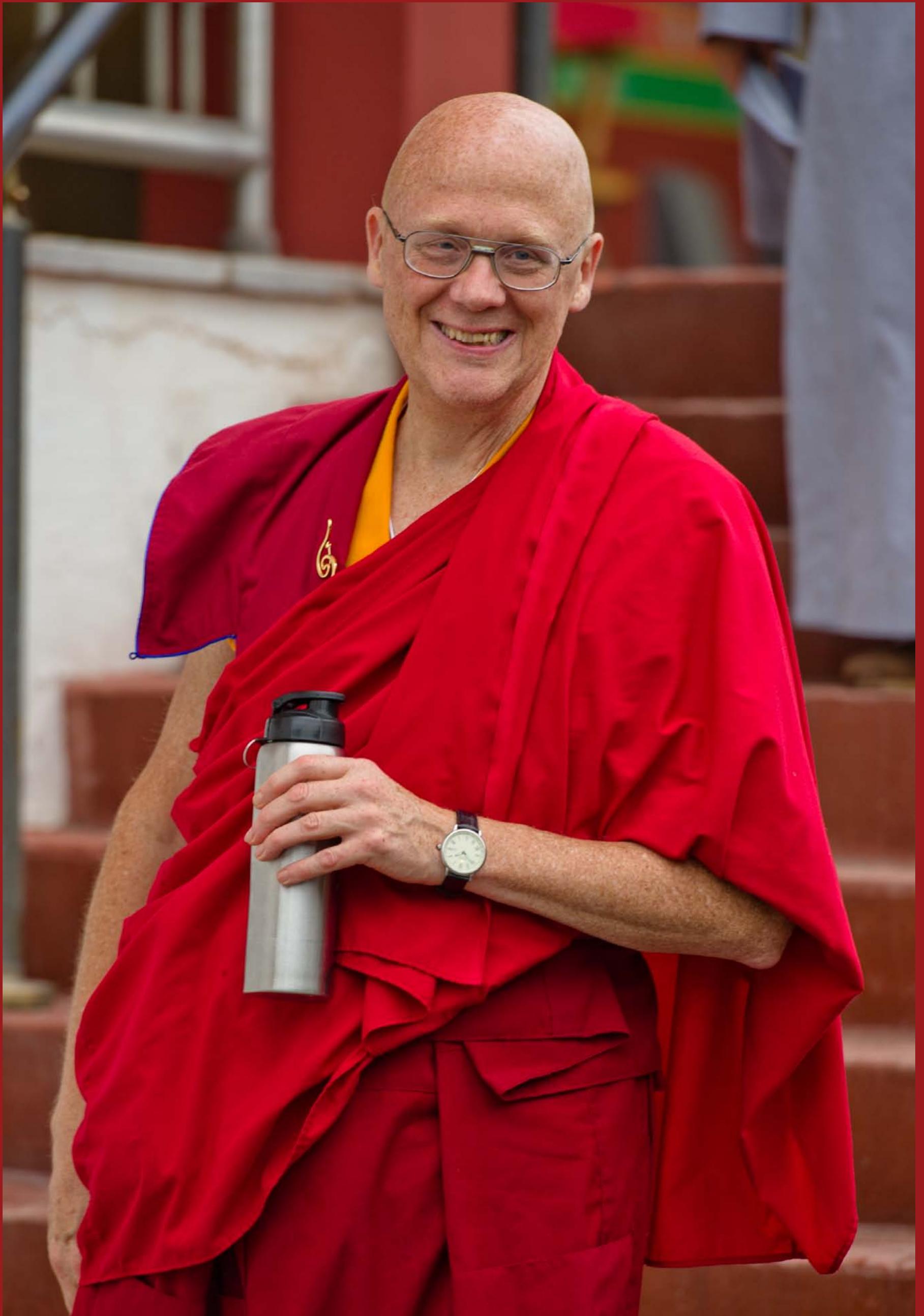






























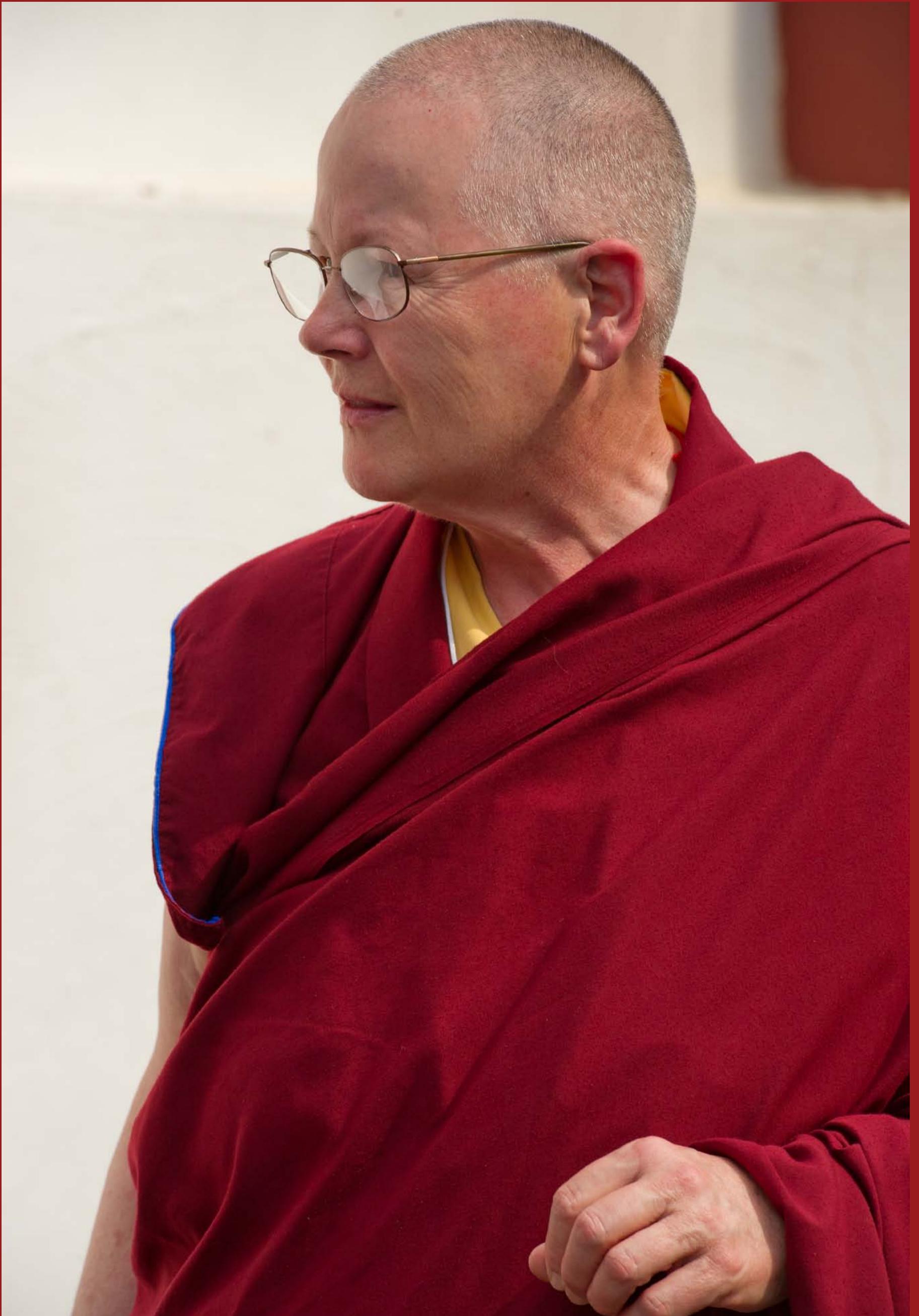




































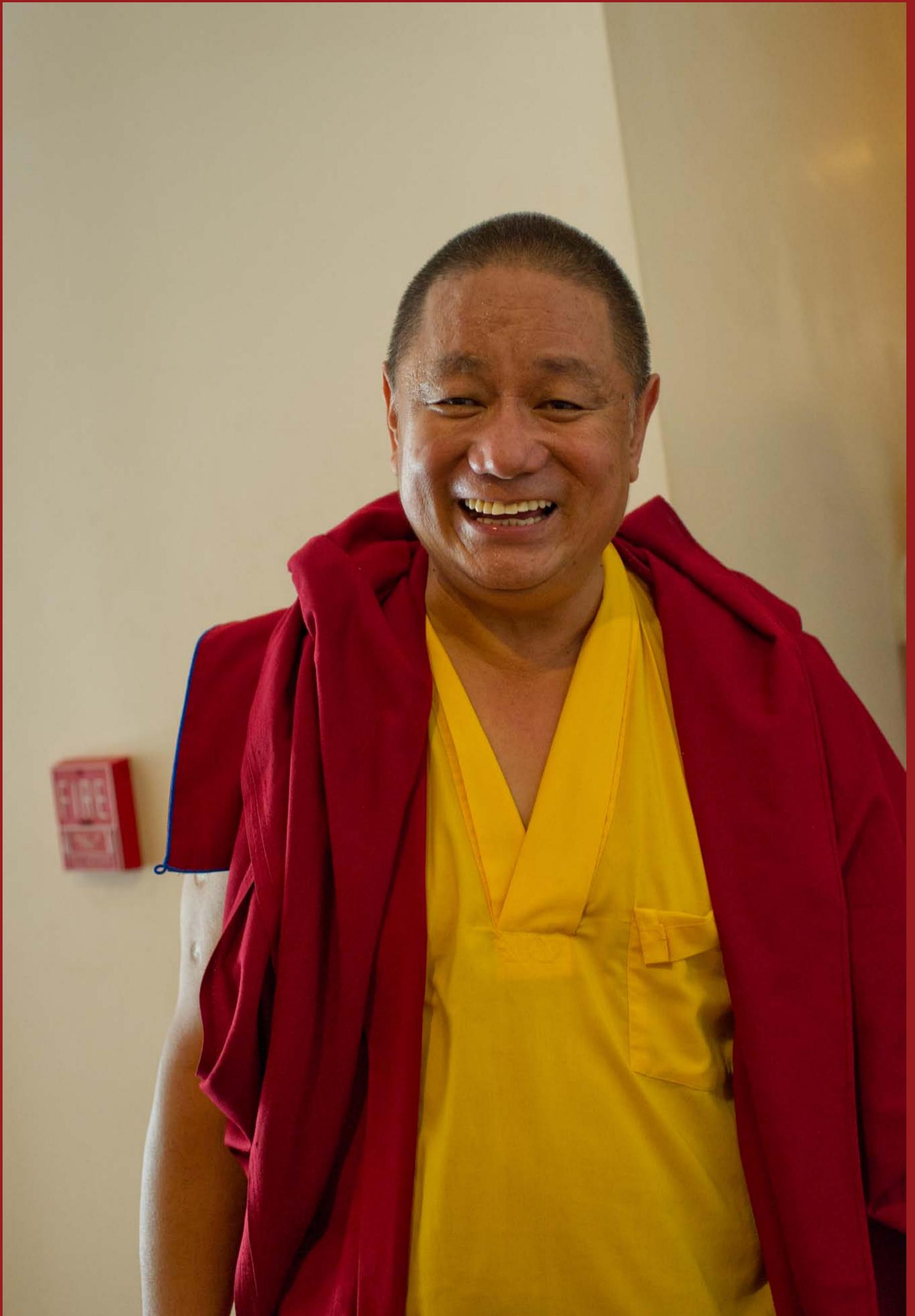




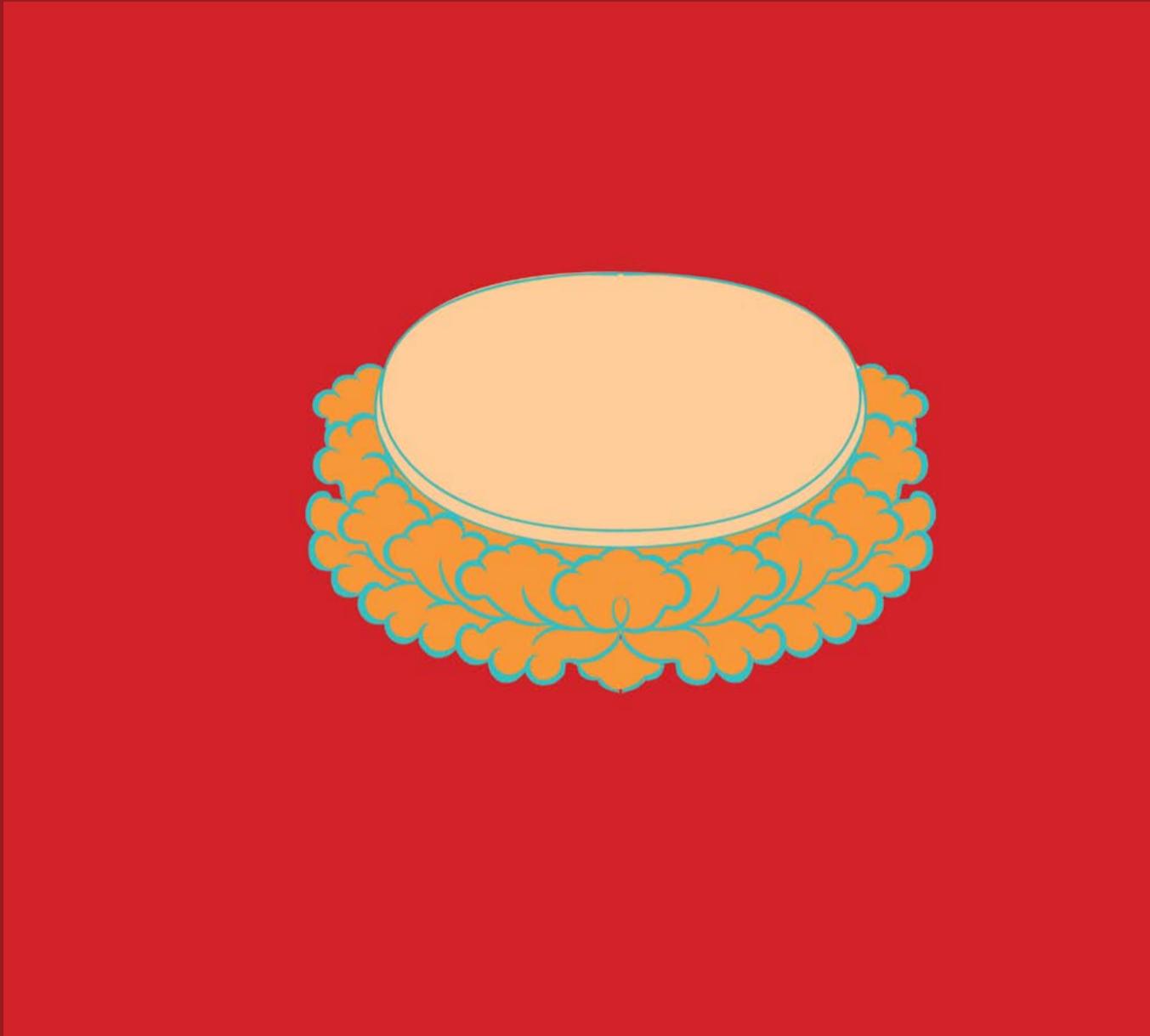












Staff, Students, and Guests







































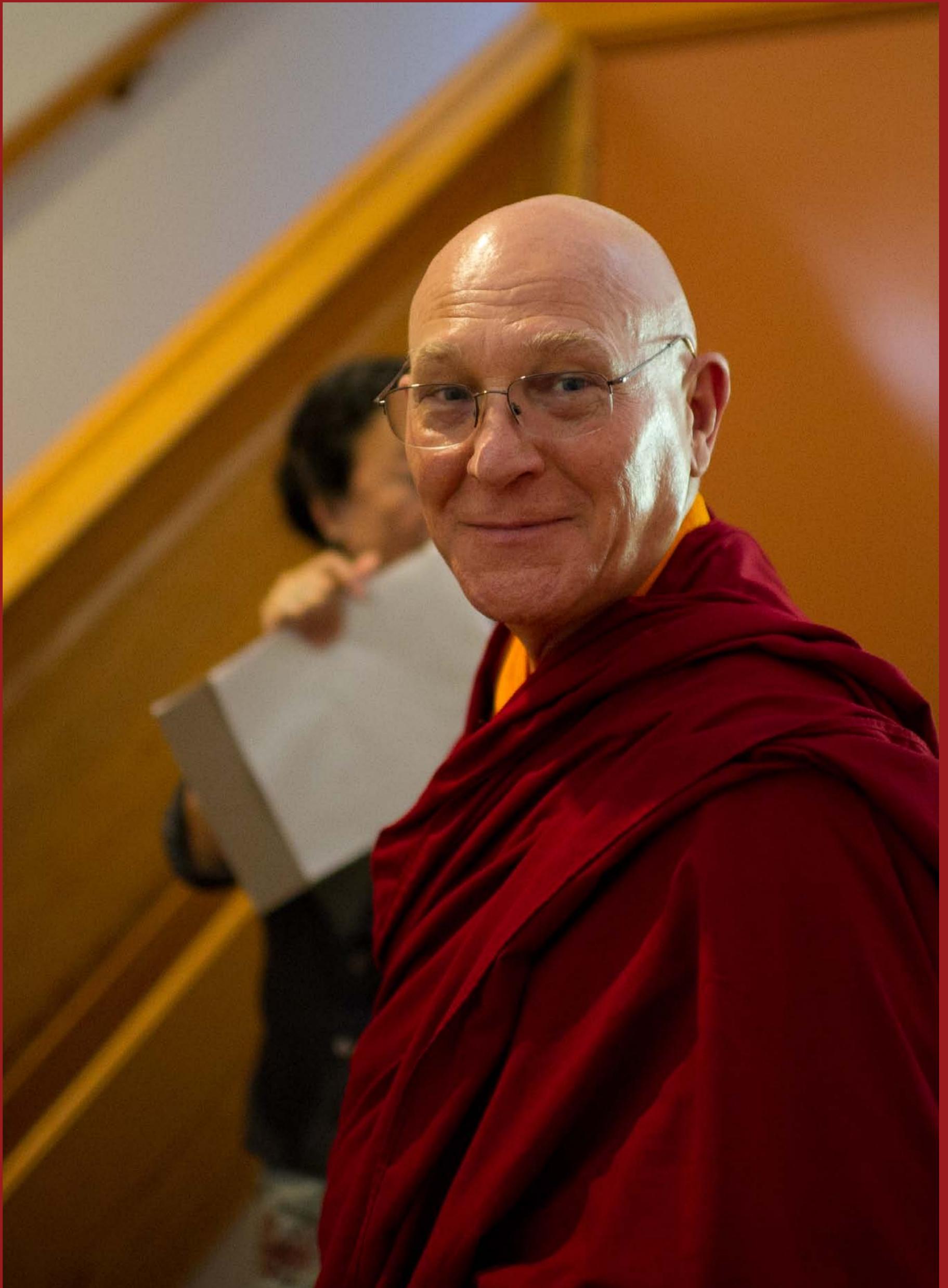


































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The Venerable Khenpo Karthar Rinpoche



His Holiness the 17th Gyalwa Karmapa, Orgyen Trinley Dorje



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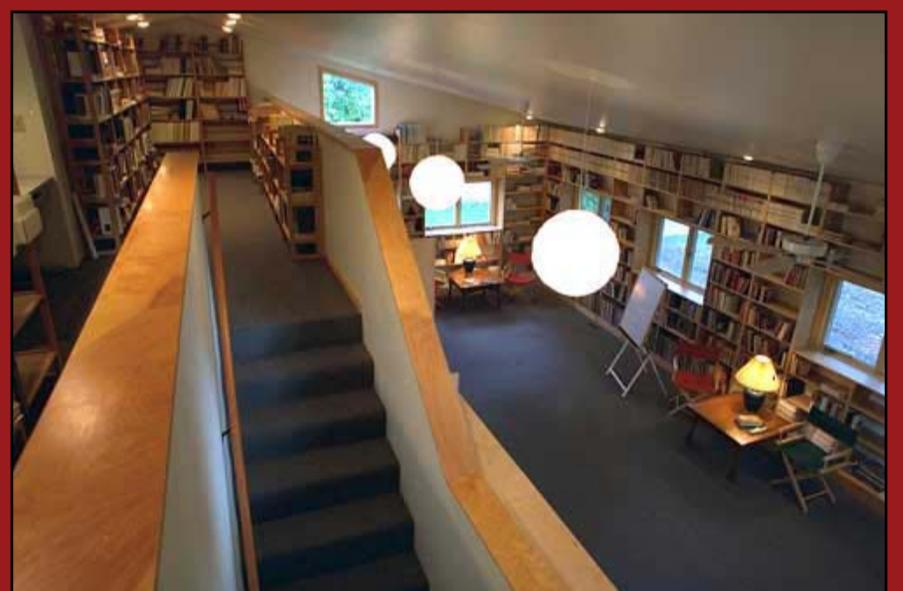
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