

7th Annual Shedra at Rigdzin Ling

Khentrul Lodro T'have Rinpoche
will teach on The Way of the Bodhisattva by Shantideva

Pandey Norbu Shedra
September 26 - October 11, 2009
Chagdud Gonpa Rigdzin Ling
Junction City, CA



Paloma Lopez Landry will be the translator.

In this year's shedra we will have a rare opportunity to study and contemplate this great classic of Mahayana, The Way of a Bodhisattva (Bodhicharyavatara) by Shantideva. It is considered one of the greatest poetic works in Buddhist literature. In it Shantideva teaches the way of compassion, the path of the Bodhisattvas, who, overwhelmed by the suffering of beings, take the vow to perfect themselves in order to liberate others. This is the consummate teaching on *bodhicitta*, the cultivation of enlightened mind.

The text, a meditation in verse, is at once a teaching on how to develop and realize the qualities of love, compassion, generosity, patience, and wisdom among others, while at the same time an outline that shows us the path of the *Bodhisattva* in its entirety. Since the pursuit of enlightenment out of love and compassion for beings is the life-force essence of the path, this is the core of training for all practitioners.

"If I have any understanding of compassion and the practice of the Bodhisattva path, it is entirely on the basis of this text that I possess it." - His Holiness the Dalai Lama

Full attendance is requested.

Cost: Members - sliding scale \$775-\$850
Non-members - sliding scale \$850-\$925

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Khentrul Lodro T'have Rinpoche spent more than twenty years studying at several of the most prestigious Buddhist monasteries in Tibet and India. Acknowledged as a scholar of the highest level, he twice received the title of khenpo (equivalent to a Doctor of Philosophy).

Khentrul Rinpoche is currently the abbot of Mardo Tashi Choling in Eastern Tibet, where he established a retreat center and shedra (institute of higher philosophical studies), overseeing the education and spiritual practice of more than three hundred monks, retreatants, and children. Originally at the behest of the late Chagdud Tulku Rinpoche, Khentrul Rinpoche has been teaching throughout the United States and Canada for over six years.