



Sangdo Palri Temple

at Longchen Jigme Samten Ling

A Mangala Shri Bhuti
Project

Sangdo Palri



Guru Rinpoche. For students of Tibetan Buddhism simply his name, his mantra, or his image evoke a deep faith in our own enlightened nature. This nature or bigger world beyond our small self is always available and never far from our mind as we travel the path. In one of its aspects this world appears as Sangdo Palri, the Glorious Copper Colored Mountain, the pure space where Guru Rinpoche resides, surrounded by Buddhas, Bodhisattvas, Dakas and Dakinis, Dharma Protectors, and practitioners who have aspired to be reborn there in order to complete their paths. A Sangdo Palri Temple represents this particular aspect of awakened mind in all its richness and completeness.

The Sangdo Palri Temple at Samten Ling will serve as an invitation for Guru Rinpoche's presence and blessings, which intermingle with our world to produce immeasurable positive effects for the benefit of all. Sangdo Palri will be a refuge, an inspiration, a welcoming and invitation, a place for practice and teachings, for generations to come.





Longchen Jigme Samten Ling

Kyabje Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche, Dzigar Kongtrul Rinpoche's root guru, was offered land when he visited Colorado in the late 1980's. This parcel sat up in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, outside of Crestone, with pristine views of a vast and expansive valley from the rugged hillsides. Some years after Rinpoche's passing, Kongtrul Rinpoche sought to use this land as a retreat center for Mangala Shri Bhuti's students, and Longchen Jigme Samten Ling was born. Established in 1993, now with 12 retreat cabins, for 17 years Samten Ling has provided a powerful environment for students to encounter their mind and

the lineage. Rinpoche often says Samten Ling is the very heart of our community. From the beginning, Rinpoche held the aspiration to build a temple in the land's central meadow, and with the auspicious visit of Khyentse Yangsi Rinpoche this summer, the time is ripe to commence construction and further deepen the presence of the lineage at this precious center for retreat.

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Dzigar Kongtrul Rinpoche and Mangala Shri Bhuti

Mangala Shri Bhuti was founded in 1990 by Kongtrul Rinpoche as part of a broad mandate from his root teacher, Kyabje Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche, to share the precious Buddhadharma with all who expressed an interest. The entire purpose of our organization is to support students to make contact with their enlightened nature, and engage with others through a mind steeped in bodhicitta.



Dzigar Kongtrul Rinpoche came to the United States with his wife, Elizabeth Mattis Namgyel, and young son, Dungse Jampal Norbu Namgyel, in 1989. All who are fortunate to receive teachings from him remark at Rinpoche's depth of insight into the modern mind, tireless care for students' paths, unsparing honesty, and fearless expression of the noble heart of bodhicitta for which all practitioners aspire. Rinpoche teaches widely each year in the US, Europe and Asia, and maintains the retreat-like focus of a genuine yogin throughout his activities.

Construction

Sangdo Palri will be a multi-phase project, beginning this April. The temple's design draws on and contains many traditional Tibetan elements but overall has a Japanese inspired style, which is well suited to the terrain and feeling of Samten Ling.

Phase 1 consists of all essential infrastructure and the Main Shrine Hall of the temple:

- Access road
- A well
- Solar electric and solar hot water systems
- High heat-efficiency structural walls and windows
- The Main Shrine Hall - a 36 x 36 foot, high ceilinged room that will accommodate an assembly of 100 students
 - Structural support for second and third floors and first of three Japanese style roofs
 - A basement for systems and storage
 - A kitchen and teacher's sitting room
 - Preliminary landscaping

Estimated Cost: \$450,000 - \$500,000.

Phase 1 front and side view



Complete Temple and Basement



Complete Temple Side View

- Full landscaping and watering systems for the Temple grounds and meadow
- A visitor's welcome booth

Total Project Estimated Time and Cost: 3 -5 years and \$1.5 Million

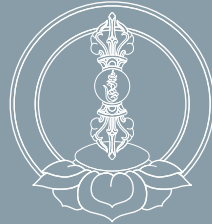
Subsequent phases will include:

- Second and Third Floors, each with its own shrine
- Exterior finish with adornments and symbolic objects
- Detailed interior woodwork
- A copper roof on the top floor
- An elaborate Main Shrine
- Statues, texts, tangkhas and other ritual items
- Eight Stupas surrounding the Temple compound
- A platform and tent for outdoor programs of up to 100 people



“We should perceive all the forms we see as the display of Guru Rinpoche’s body, all the sounds we hear as mantra, the voice of Guru Rinpoche, and whatever thoughts or recollections that occur in our minds as the display of the perfect wisdom of Guru Rinpoche’s mind. We should not think that this is a mental fabrication, but that things have been this way since the very beginning. This pure state is something that naturally exists, but of which we are not aware. The purpose of meditation is thus to uncloud our mistaken perception of things and to realize, instead, the innate purity of all phenomena.”

Kyabje Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche



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