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Notes from All-Sangha Meeting and Board Elections, Saturday, June 6, 2026

Setting of Intention

Nomination of Current Board Members & Vote to Confirm

The following Board members were confirmed for 2026/2027.

Tsering Dolma: Global Sangha Representative

Tom Adams (Karma Samten): Treasurer

Miles McBreen (Karma Palden): Co-Secretary & Facilities

Tony Belmonte (Karma Choeying): Co-Secretary & Web/Social Media

Rachel Christopherson (Karma Chodon): President, Web/Newsletter

Update on Rinpoche's Move

- Not moving until summer of 2026
- Originally planned to move this summer, but “move team” concerned for his health
- Timeline & steps taken so far

Aspirations & Plans

- Move Rinpoche with as little stress to him and others as possible
- Keep connected with Rinpoche (zoom, 3x year in person)
- Keep connected with each other (walking meditations, in person events)

Update on Rinpoche's Health

- Rinpoche is in perfect health! He is the ideal patient, always following the prescribed diet and exercise—his diabetes is well under control, and no further episodes of the 2025 health issues have reoccurred.

Financial Report

MDC continued to benefit from the generosity of sangha members, and our cash position remained solid, with about \$33,000 in our accounts, despite some increased expenses.

Most importantly, we increased Rinpoche's compensation in order to help him qualify for premium-free Medicare coverage in the future. We also hired an attorney to help us: 1) make sure we're handling city, state and federal requirements of non-profits appropriately, 2) execute the legal moves required to move Rinpoche and MDC to Oregon, now planned for 2027.

We also established a relationship with Vanguard in order to: 1) receive a gift of stock from a

sangha member, 2) earn more interest via a money-market account rather than the savings account we've always had.

2025-2026 in Review

Facilities

- Routine maintenance (thank you Miles, Keith, and volunteers)
- Yurt moved to Lama Lakshey's (all costs for transport and storage reimbursed)
- Window and doors repaired, due to 2025 Break-in (more security cameras added, sticks for doors)

Rinpoche's Teachings & Publications:

22 Blog postings

4 YouTube teachings

Events and travel:

In addition to regular Monday night chanted prayers and Saturday morning meditation

- **How fortunate to have two empowerments, Green Tara and Chenrezig, the first Rinpoche has transmitted to westerners since he began teaching in 2008**

1.8.25 Refuge Ceremony

1.10.25 to 1.12.25 New Year Retreat:

Phowa and Green Tara Empowerment

1.18.25 Garden Volunteer Day

2.25.25 to 4.1.25: Rinpoche led Amitabha

Dechen Shingdrup in Taiwan & Singapore

4.19.25 Garden Volunteer Day

6.20.25 Summer Solstice Blessing of the Waters

6.21.25 Traditional Tibetan Medicine with Dr. Jetsun Cheme

7.5.25 His Holiness the Dalai Lama's 90th Birthday Celebration in the MDC Backyard

7.10.25 Dzam Ling Chi Sang: Universal Prayer Day Smoke Puja

7.19.25 Walking Meditation Asilomar Beach

7.25.25 Yurt Loading Day

7.28.25 Chökhör Düchen – First Turning of the Wheel of Dharma

8.16.25 to 8.24.25 18th Annual Amitabha Dechen Shingdrup in Portland and Trout Lake

10.1.25 Refuge Ceremony

10.3.25 to 10.5.25 2nd Annual Amitabha Dechen Shingdrup–Northern California

10.11.25 Blessing of the Butterflies

10.13.25 to 11.24.26—Rinpoche went on silent retreat

12.6.25 Garden volunteer day

12.21.25 Winter Solstice Blessing of the Waters

12.31.25 New Year's Eve Vajrasattva Purification Practice

2.14.26 to 2.16.26 New Year Retreat—the Heart Sutra & Chenrezig Empowerment

2.18.26 Losar Tibetan New Year Celebration

3.10.26 Tibetan Uprising Day

3.19.26 to 3.21.26 ONLINE Amitabha Pureland Retreat (trip to Taiwan blocked)

3.30.26 Japa Sangye Tenzin Rinpoche Remembrance Day

4.4.26 Garden volunteer day

4.27.26 Entrance to Dewachen for TLC Transitional Life Care

6.1.26 Saga Dawa Duchen – Buddha Shakyamuni Puja

Upcoming Events

June 21 @ 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm Summer Solstice Blessing of the Waters 2026

June 27 @ 9:30 am - 12:00 pm Walking Meditation at Asilomar Beach

July 6 @ 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm Birthday Celebration for His Holiness the Dalai Lama (lucky pot!)

June 28th @ 1-4 pm at Wisdom Center in Santa Cruz Songs of Milarepa: Oral Transmission, Teaching, and Tsok Offering

July 18 @ 10:00 am - 11:30 am Four Noble Truths on Chökhör Düchen

July 29 @ 10:00 am - 11:30 am Dzamling Chisang – Universal Prayer Day

August 15-17 & 21-23 19th Annual Amitabha Dechen Shingdrup in Portland

September 25-27 3rd Annual Amitabha Dechen Shingdrup–Northern California

October 11-29 India/Nepal Pilgrimage

India Trip Details

- Please register if you plan to go—fill out to passport section—hit submit to save
- Partial trips possible, extended trips
- Family/Friends possible—but no “unknowns”
- Offer scholarships for others

Dedication of Merit
