



Centre de Méditation Tsongkhapa

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Dear Spiritual Masters and Dharma friends,

Over the last few years, with the relocation of the Tsongkhapa meditation center, we had many different events, some challenging, some easy. Nevertheless we brought everything together here in this new place, in the beautiful Laurentian forest of Ste Sophie, including our dogs and cat, Mrs Charlotte, Princess and Trunztog with us, happily.

The Tsongkhapa Meditation center opened in August 2015, during a ceremony blessed by His Holiness Kyabje Trijang Rinpoche who honored us by cutting the ribbon and giving precious teachings. We were also honored by the presence of Ven. Rabten Rinpoche, Kyabje Gonsar Rinpoche representatives, Geshes and monks from the Rabten Choling Center in Switzerland, Ven. Kalden Rinpoche and Djampa Samten from the Jampel Pawo Center in Brazil, honorable Sophie Astri, Deputy Mayor of Ste Sophie, in presence of the councilmen Normand Aubin, Eric Jutras et Guy Lamothe, Fernand and Joceline Niquay of the Atikamekw Nation from Manawan, Ven. Tsem Rinpoche assistant and students from the Kechara Center in Malaysia, Mr Dinh Vo-Ngo from the Moncton Buddhist Center in New Brunswick, Mrs Tsering Lhamo from the Canadian Gelukpa Association, Ven. Domo Rinpoche representatives from USA, Geshes and students from the Trijang Buddhist Institute in the USA , as well as many Dharma friends and students from around the world.

Since its opening, the center has been moving very wonderfully on the spiritual path with the blessings of Lineage Masters, dharma protectors protecting all the activities here, and the generosity of sponsors and friends supporting the flourishing of the center. Many students have participated to the activities offered throughout the year including teachings, retreats and initiations. I rejoice with deep faith for all of this.

Since the establishment of the Tsongkhapa meditation center in Ste-Sophie, we received the welcoming and support of the city officials at every step. We had wonderful community activities including a booth at the Ste-Sophie Summer Festival and a school field trip during which 75 children of primary school learned and practiced meditation, and enjoyed the beautiful surroundings of the center. Over these years I did not mention all the blessings and wonderful events happening here. I also wish to thank our great donators and sponsors for their sustained generosity to make this possible.

Finally, I am recently back from a very auspicious trip in China Tibet during which I received precious Dharma teachings, met with holy Masters and many Tibetan friends, went for pilgrimage in several holy places in Kham, also met with many friends in China and gave Dharma teachings there. I would like to thanks all the Masters and friends and family for their support to make this wonderful trip successful with no obstacles.

Today I am sharing with you these wonderful events over the last few years through which I learned a lot on the spiritual path and I wish to tell all of you who are on the spiritual path to keep your faith strong and together we can continue to serve the spiritual path without any obstacles for the benefit of all sentient beings.

A lot was achieved in the past few years, and equally important, a lot more need to be done to make the center flourish for the benefit of all. We are planning to have two resident monks established in the center in 2017 and as well we are working on establishing a retreat center with a community kitchen and extension of the existing buildings. I personally ask you for your continued support to make this wonderful mission successful in bringing Dharma to many, for the benefit of all sentient beings.

Hope to see you all next year and wishing you good health and happiness!

Yours faithfully,

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