



Piedmont Karma Thegsum Choling

a center for the study and practice
of Tibetan Buddhism

Khenpo Karthar Rinpoche

April 7 – 8, 2010

Keeping an Open Heart in Difficult Times

Rinpoche will speak to how we can transform all circumstances—difficult or favorable—into opportunities for cultivating wisdom, compassion, love, and joy.

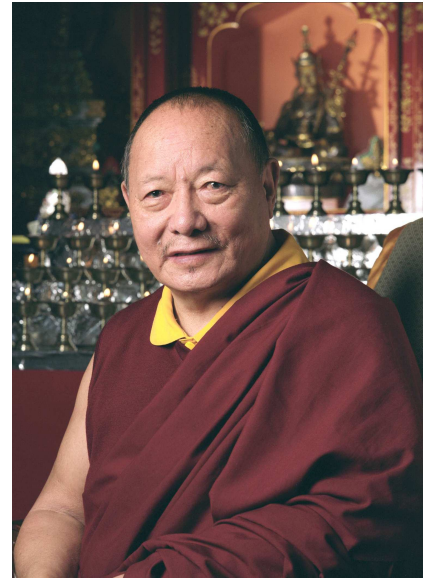


April 7, 2010, Wednesday, 7:30 to 9:00 pm.

United Church of Chapel Hill, 1321 MLK Blvd, Chapel Hill, NC

For directions, see www.unitedchurch.org/directions-united-church

Suggested donation \$10.



The Mahamudra Lineage Prayer

Unwavering attention is the body of meditation, it is taught. Whatever arises, is the fresh nature of thought. To the meditator who rests there in naturalness, Grant your blessings that meditation is free from intellectualization.

Rinpoche will comment on this and the core teachings found in the prayer common to all those who practice in the Kagyu monasteries and meditation centers around the world.



April 8, 2010, Thursday, 9:30 am to 4 pm.

Location in Chapel Hill-Carrboro TBA. Suggested donation of \$60 for day of teachings.

Pre-registration is recommended—phone 919-968-9426 or email: piedmont.ktc.info@gmail.com

PayPal will be available for pre-registration on our website, www.piedmontktc.org

Refuge Vow & Amitabha Empowerment

The teachings will culminate with the offering of the Amitabha Empowerment to benefit others and seek awakening on their behalf. The Refuge Vow ceremony will be open both to participants and observers. The Refuge Vow is a prerequisite for participating in the Empowerment.



April 8, 2010, Thursday, 7pm. Location to be announced at the Thursday teaching.

Suggested donation \$20.

About Khenpo Karthar Rinpoche: Born in Eastern Tibet in 1924, Khenpo Karthar Rinpoche is one of the great masters of the Karma Kagyu tradition of Tibetan Buddhism. Rinpoche, who received most of his training and education in Tibet before the Chinese invasion, is highly accomplished in meditation, philosophy, and monastic arts. At the age of twelve, Rinpoche entered Thrangu Monastery, where he did many long retreats. In 1954 Rinpoche completed his studies, receiving the title of "khenpo." He escaped to India in 1958, at the beginning of the Chinese invasion of Tibet. It was in 1975 that Khenpo Karthar Rinpoche officially received the title of "choje lama" (superior dharma master) from His Holiness the Sixteenth Gyalwa Karmapa. In 1976, at the request of the Sixteenth Karmapa, Rinpoche established Karma Triyana Dharmachakra to present the Karma Kagyu teachings and meditation practices to Western students. The abbot of KTD and retreat master of Karne Ling Three-Year Retreat Center, Rinpoche has innumerable devoted students. He continues to teach and guide his students and retreatants with infinite generosity, compassion, and wisdom.

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