



The Karmapa

To Whom it May Concern

I am happy to learn that Khenpo Tshering Chopel and Lama Nancy Burks are starting a new Dharma center, Karma Shenphen Nyingtse Ling, in Michigan, U.S.A.

Khenpo Tshering Chopel was born and brought up at Rumtek, Sikkim, India; he completed his traditional monastic studies at the Dharma Chakra Center, Rumtek Monastery, and his Buddhist philosophical studies with Acharya Degree at the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi, India. Lama Nancy Burks is a long-time Dharma practitioner who has been a student of His Holiness the 16th Gyalwang Karmapa; she is a clinical psychologist with PhD and completed her three-year retreat under the guidance of Khenpo Karthar Rinpoche.

I congratulate them on their initiative to start a Dharma center in Michigan, U.S.A. for the benefit of Dharma students in the area, and I am sure this will prove beneficial for those interested in Dharma practice there. They have my blessings and I wish them every success in this endeavour. Any assistance rendered in this regard will be appreciated.

17th Karmapa Ogyen Trinley Dorje,

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