In a world of so much pain and conflict, Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche appears as a beacon of compassion and hope, offering deeply meaningful help and guidance to our troubled minds.

Venerable Geshe-la is a world-renowned meditation master who holds the very essence of Buddha’s teachings in his heart. He transmits this profound wisdom and compassion to the people of the modern world in very practical ways through the extremely accessible methods of modern Kadampa Buddhism, which he has introduced into contemporary society.

As this brochure shows, he has dedicated his life to laying the foundation for modern Kadampa Buddhism to flourish in this and future generations so that anyone regardless of nationality, culture, gender or age can easily understand the meaning of Buddha’s teachings and apply them to their daily life – and in this way find true, lasting inner peace.
Venerable Geshe-la’s great gift to the modern world has been to create a firm foundation for Kadam Dharma to flourish throughout the world thus ensuring stability and continuity for future generations.
TRADITIONAL TEMPLES A MODERN EXPERIENCE

UK Temple, Opened 1997

Arizona Temple, Opened 2019

Brazil Temple, Opened 2010

New York Temple, Opened 2006

Portugal Temple, Opened 2013
Representations of Pure Lands appearing in our world

A traditional Kadampa Temple for World Peace represents an enlightened Pure Land that reminds us of the real meaning of our life – the attainment of complete purity. Whoever sees such a Temple receives powerful blessings.

Through the kindness of Venerable Geshe-la, traditional Temples are now appearing alongside city Temples and local Kadampa centres as a focus for the development of Kadam Dharma in their area. They stand not as isolated buildings but as focal points for growing spiritual communities, symbolizing the stability and longevity of Kadam Dharma.

A New Temple in Spain

Work has now begun on the sixth traditional Temple, in Málaga, Spain. Like the new Temple in Arizona, it will be based on the five-tier design.

And like the Temple in Arizona, it will be surrounded by accommodation for a growing spiritual community, with seventy rooms included in the development. Plans are now in progress to build similar Temples and develop similar communities in France, Germany and elsewhere.
Gen-la Kelsang Khyenrab

Retired General Spiritual Director of NKT-IKBU, National Spiritual Director of Canada and Resident Teacher at KMC Canada

Gen-la Khyenrab is deeply respected throughout the Kadampa world as a sincere practitioner and powerful teacher.

Gen-la Kelsang Kunsang

Retired Deputy Spiritual Director of NKT-IKBU, National Spiritual Director of Switzerland, Italy & Austria and Resident Teacher at KMC Edinburgh

Gen-la Kunsang has been a disciple of Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche for many years, and she has won the admiration and affection of many students through her pure example and loving-kindness.

Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong

General Spiritual Director of NKT-IKBU, Resident Teacher and Special Teacher Training Programme Teacher at Manjushri KMC

Gen-la Dekyong has been a student of Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche for over thirty years, sincerely training under his guidance in all aspects of Kadam Dharma. Gen-la is recognized as a fully qualified Dharma Teacher of both Sutra and Tantra.

THE SENIOR TEACHERS OF MODERN KADAMPA BUDDHISM

Gen-la Kelsang Jampa

Deputy Spiritual Director of NKT-IKBU and Resident Teacher at IKRC Grand Canyon

Gen-la Jampa has studied under Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche and taught internationally for many years. He is greatly admired for his warm personality and clear, inspiring teachings.

Gen-la Kelsang Thubten

International Kadampa Internet Director

Gen-la Thubten teaches internationally and is renowned for his ability to present the many deep meanings contained within Venerable Geshe-la’s books and to show how to integrate them into daily life.
Without qualified meditation teachers guiding and inspiring us we have no opportunity to meet Buddha’s teachings or learn how to integrate them into our busy modern lives. For this reason Venerable Geshe-la has established comprehensive programmes to train modern Kadampa Teachers throughout the world. These programmes are open to both lay and ordained practitioners and provide continuous in-service training so that even after beginning to teach we can continue to improve our understanding and experience.

‘Dharma practice is quite simple because all we need to do is to receive correct Dharma teachings by listening to qualified teachers or by reading authentic books, and then mix our mind with these teachings by meditating on them.’

Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche
Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche is a truly international Teacher whose watchword is ‘Everyone is welcome’. Following Buddha’s example his teachings are open to everyone without discrimination.

Accordingly, in addition to developing study and meditation programmes and establishing meditation centres throughout the world, Venerable Geshe-la has inaugurated an annual programme of International and National Festivals and National and Regional Celebrations of modern Kadampa Buddhism. These events are taught by senior Kadampa Teachers and include empowerments, teachings and retreats.

Of particular importance are the three International Festivals offered each year, which provide a precious opportunity to enjoy studying and practising modern Kadampa Buddhism in a truly international context. We directly witness the universality of Buddha’s teachings and see how by coming together with a common spiritual path we create the cause for world peace.
INTERNATIONAL FESTIVALS
at Manjushri Kadampa Meditation Centre

Each year there are three International Festivals: Spring, Summer and Fall. Of these the first two are held at Manjushri KMC in the UK, the mother centre of modern Kadampa Buddhism.

The Fall Festival is held at different locations around the world, and in 2020 will be in Brisbane, Australia.

Set in 70 acres of wooded grounds at the southern tip of the English Lake District, Manjushri KMC is the spiritual home of Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche, who lived and taught here for over 30 years.

It was here that he established the first Kadampa Temple for World Peace, which is where the Spring and Summer Festivals are held. The home of many international projects that support the growth and development of modern Kadampa Buddhism worldwide, Manjushri KMC is the perfect place to witness directly the realization of Venerable Geshe-la’s extraordinary vision of world peace.

For more information on this remarkable place visit manjushri.org
The Power of Compassion  May 22 - 27

Our compassion is our Buddha seed or Buddha nature, our potential to become a Buddha. Through meditation we can extend and deepen our compassion until it transforms into the mind of universal compassion – the sincere wish to liberate all living beings from suffering permanently.

Gen-la’s clear and powerful teachings will help us to identify and develop our own compassion, and thereby awaken our Buddha nature. Through this we will begin to develop real power to benefit others.

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JULY 24 - AUGUST 8  NKT-IKBU INTERNATIONAL
SUMMER FESTIVAL 2020
THE JOY OF A KADAMPA LIFE

kadampafestivals.org/summer
The Buddhist Way of Loving Kindness

**Week 1**  Buddha Amitayus Empowerment and teachings on *The New Eight Steps to Happiness* with Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong

*The New Eight Steps to Happiness* by Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche is an immensely inspiring and practical book. It reveals essential methods for transforming all life’s difficulties into valuable insights and for developing universal love and compassion, the source of true happiness for ourself and others.

Gen-la’s teachings will help us take the meaning of this precious book to heart and apply it in our daily life. To receive this profound and practical advice from such an accomplished and experienced Teacher is an opportunity not to be missed. Ideal for both experienced practitioners and those new to Buddhism.

Essential Advice from the Heart

**Week 2**  Buddha Green Tara Empowerment and teachings on *Advice from Atisha’s Heart* with Gen-la Kelsang Jampa

*Advice from Atisha’s Heart* is sublime, heartfelt advice to live by. Eternally modern and relevant, it is packed with practical guidance that makes our ordinary life a joyful path to deep inner peace for our own and others’ benefit. It is the very heart of Kadampa Buddhism.

Whatever your level, you will find Gen-la Jampa’s commentary to this unique and powerful text both illuminating and inspiring. Intended by Atisha as personal advice, these precious words will touch your heart in a very deep way and you will treasure them forever.
As Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche explains in *Modern Buddhism*, the gateway through which we enter Tantra is receiving a Tantric empowerment. This bestows upon us special blessings that heal our mental continuum and awaken our Buddha nature. In this Festival Gen-la Dekyong will grant the empowerments of the principal Deities of Highest Yoga Tantra – Heruka and Vajrayogini – and introduce their essential practices.

This is a unique and precious opportunity to learn from a qualified contemporary Teacher how to practise Buddha’s Tantric teachings according to the lineage of modern Kadampa Buddhism.
The ITP aims to introduce the Buddhist faith and practice of the New Kadampa Tradition publicly, and to exemplify contemporary Buddhist practice through service to the public.

Its scope and activities are constantly evolving in response to the needs of the ever-changing demands of busy lives. It presently achieves its aim through developing and building traditional and non-traditional temples, meditation and retreat centres, and through the activities of World Peace Cafés and Tharpa Publications.

Proceeds from the annual Festivals and Celebrations in this brochure support the activities of the International Temples Project (ITP), a global charitable project founded by Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche.
Besides the three International Festivals, each year the NKT offers a comprehensive programme of National Festivals and national and regional Dharma Celebrations.
SCOTTISH DHARMA CELEBRATION  
February 7 - 9 with Kadam Bridget Heyes

SOUTHERN ENGLAND DHARMA CELEBRATION  
March 27 - 29 with Kadam Bridget Heyes

UK DHARMA CELEBRATION  
September 11 - 14 with Kadam Bridget Heyes

WELSH DHARMA CELEBRATION  
October 30 - November 1 with Kadam Bridget Heyes

SOUTHWEST ENGLAND DHARMA CELEBRATION  
November 13 - 15 with Kadam Bridget Heyes

IRISH DHARMA CELEBRATION  
April 24 - 26 with Kadam Bridget Heyes
NORDIC FESTIVAL  
March 13 - 15  
with Gen-la Kelsang Thubten

SPANISH FESTIVAL  
April 8 - 12  
with Gen-la Kelsang Khyenrab

FRENCH FESTIVAL  
April 10 - 15  
with Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong

PORTUGUESE FESTIVAL  
April 30 - May 3  
with Gen-la Kelsang Thubten

SWISS, ITALIAN & AUSTRIAN FESTIVAL  
September 4 - 6  
with Gen-la Kelsang Kunsang

GERMAN FESTIVAL  
November 27 - December 2  
with Gen-la Kelsang Kunsang
SOUTHERN GERMAN DHARMA CELEBRATION
February 14 - 16 with Gen Kelsang Ananda

SWISS DHARMA CELEBRATION
April 9 - 13 with Gen-la Kelsang Kunsang

GERMAN DHARMA CELEBRATION
April 10 - 13 with Gen Kelsang Ananda

NORTHERN SPANISH DHARMA CELEBRATION
June 19 - 24 with Gen Kelsang Chokga

ITALIAN DHARMA CELEBRATION
October 23 - 25 with Gen-la Kelsang Kunsang

NORDIC DHARMA CELEBRATION
October 23 - 25 with Gen Kelsang Dragpa

PORTUGUESE DHARMA CELEBRATION
October 30 - November 1 with Gen Kelsang Chokga

AUSTRIAN DHARMA CELEBRATION
November 13 - 16 with Gen-la Kelsang Kunsang

FRENCH DHARMA CELEBRATION
December 4 - 6 with Gen Kelsang Eupamé

SPANISH DHARMA CELEBRATION
December 4 - 8 with Gen Kelsang Chokga
US FESTIVAL
June 12 - 17
with Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong

Fall Festival 2019, IKRC Grand Canyon
SOUTHWEST US DHARMA CELEBRATION
September 4 - 6 with Gen Kelsang Rigpa

NORTHEAST US DHARMA CELEBRATION
September 11 - 13 with Kadam Morten Clausen

MIDWEST US DHARMA CELEBRATION
November 6 - 8 with Gen Kelsang Demo

MID-ATLANTIC US DHARMA CELEBRATION
December 4 - 6 with Kadam Morten Clausen

NORTHWEST US DHARMA CELEBRATION
December 4 - 6 with Gen Kelsang Rigpa
BRAZILIAN FESTIVAL  
October 30 - November 2  
with Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong

ARGENTINIAN FESTIVAL  
November 6 - 8  
with Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong

CHILEAN FESTIVAL  
November 13 - 15  
with Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong
BRAZILIAN DHARMA CELEBRATION
February 21 - 25 with Gen Kelsang Mudita

ARGENTINIAN DHARMA CELEBRATION
April 9 - 12 with Gen Kelsang Rinchung

CHILEAN DHARMA CELEBRATION
April 30 - May 3 with Gen Kelsang Sangden

SOUTHEAST BRAZILIAN DHARMA CELEBRATION
May 1 - 3 with Gen Kelsang Mudita

MEXICAN FESTIVAL April 17 - 19 with Gen-la Kelsang Jampa

MEXICAN DHARMA CELEBRATION November 14 - 16 with Gen Kelsang Sangden
CANADIAN FESTIVAL
June 5 - 9 with Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong

QUÉBEC DHARMA CELEBRATION
October 23 - 25 with Gen-la Kelsang Khyenrab

ONTARIO DHARMA CELEBRATION
November 6 - 8 with Gen-la Kelsang Khyenrab

WESTERN CANADIAN DHARMA CELEBRATION
November 20 - 22 with Gen-la Kelsang Khyenrab
AUSTRALIAN FESTIVAL
December (2019) 27 - January 1 with Gen-la Kelsang Khyenrab

NEW ZEALAND FESTIVAL
January 10 - 13 with Gen-la Kelsang Khyenrab

AUSTRALIAN DHARMA CELEBRATION
April 10 - 13 with Gen Kelsang Rabten

NEW ZEALAND DHARMA CELEBRATION
April 24 - 27 with Gen Kelsang Rabten
ASIA

ASIAN FESTIVAL
December 18 - 21
with Gen-la Kelsang Kunsang

EAST ASIAN DHARMA CELEBRATION
February 21 - 24 with Gen Kelsang Tonglam

SOUTHEAST ASIAN DHARMA CELEBRATION
April 17 - 20 with Gen Kelsang Rabten

SOUTH AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICAN FESTIVAL
May 15 - 17
with Gen-la Kelsang Kunsang

SOUTH AFRICAN DHARMA CELEBRATION
November 13 - 15
with Gen Kelsang Pagpa
Either side, at the top of the shrine are the collected works of Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche, the precious scriptures of modern Kadampa Buddhism.

A modern Kadampa Buddhist shrine includes representations of four enlightened holy beings known as the Four Kadampa Guru Deities – Buddha Shakyamuni, Avalokiteshvara, Arya Tara and the Wisdom Dharma Protector.

Modern Kadampa Buddhists rely sincerely on Je Tsongkhapa and regard their Spiritual Guide as his emanation.

Accordingly, in front of Je Tsongkhapa in the shrine there is a statue of the holy Spiritual Guide flanked by Heruka and Vajrayogini, the principal Highest Yoga Tantra Deities of the tradition.
MAINTAINING STABILITY & CONTINUITY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

There are now large Kadampa Meditation Centres (KMCs) throughout the world that offer ideal conditions for festivals, courses and retreats to people in their country and beyond.

Venerable Geshe-la’s vision is for Temples to be built and more residential accommodation developed at these centres. In this way they will form the heart of Kadam Dharma in their country, supporting the development and continuity of Dharma, and offering focus and support to other centres.

A Temple is planned in the near future for Tharpaland Kadampa Meditation Centre – a major Buddhist centre located just outside Berlin. With a mansion, beautiful parkland, and a number of other buildings providing accommodation for residents and visitors, it is a very blessed environment for the study and practice of Kadam Dharma.
Temples within large KMCs bring widespread benefit to their country and beyond

**Manjushri KMC** is Venerable Geshe-la’s spiritual home and the most established modern Kadampa centre. Home to the first Kadampa Temple for World Peace and providing accommodation for hundreds of residents and visitors, it is a powerful example of how a large KMC can bring widespread benefit to its country and beyond.

**IKRC Grand Canyon** is the most recently developed major Kadampa centre. It features a stunning five-tiered Temple, extensive grounds and plentiful accommodation. Standing close to a major freeway that is part of a route across the entire width of the United States, it will attract thousands of people each year.
Besides developing large core centres, Venerable Geshe-la’s wish is to create urban Dharma centres that are readily accessible to people where they live and work so they can easily integrate study, meditation and practice into their daily life.
Every year has seen the opening of more city meditation spaces, with many more planned for the future.

Each new centre has a qualified shrine, bookshop, social area and other facilities to provide local people with a place where they can meet with like-minded people and follow a modern path of transformation.

LATEST CITY TEMPLE SPACE DEVELOPMENTS
Tharpa Publications was established by Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche to benefit everyone by distributing Buddha’s wisdom throughout the world.

Venerable Geshe-la has written twenty-three authoritative books on Buddhism, meditation and self-help, which at present are available in 14 languages. Written with extraordinary clarity, these books offer inspiring and practical methods to help everyone solve their daily problems, and give guidance in all the essential practices for completing the path to enlightenment.

Through Venerable Geshe-la’s kindness and skill, whoever reads these books will come to understand many things about their own potential and will naturally increase their wisdom. In writing these books he shows great generosity, not just to our generation but to millions of people, generation after generation.

Tharpa has grown into an international publishing hub serving many countries and languages worldwide, fulfilling Venerable Geshe-la’s pure wish for Buddha’s teachings to touch people’s hearts and transform their lives.
There are now over 1200 Kadampa centres and groups throughout the world that host study and meditation classes and retreats based on Venerable Geshe-la’s books. These centres provide an unequalled network of support for those wishing to gain deep experience of the life-changing methods found within these books.

Over the coming year many NKT Centres will be offering courses and retreats based on Venerable Geshe-la’s latest book *The Mirror of Dharma with Additions*. Venerable Geshe-la has made *How to Transform Your Life* available as a FREE ebook; download your copy at www.howtoTYL.com

People need wisdom. Without wisdom, people have no real method to solve their daily problems.
Taking the teachings of Buddha to heart and mixing them with our daily activities is the very essence of modern Kadampa Buddhism. Through this we transform our life into a joyful spiritual path that leads to the realization of our real potential and eventually to the attainment of liberation and enlightenment.

The key to achieving this is qualified study, contemplation and meditation. For this purpose, Venerable Geshe-la has developed three modern study programmes, the General Programme, Foundation Programme and Teacher Training Programme that are offered at all Kadampa centres.

And to facilitate deep assimilation of these teachings into our heart, Venerable Geshe-la is developing International Retreat Centres (IRCs) around the world.
Qualified Teachers arise from authentic training programmes. Besides the Special Teacher Training Programme taught by Gen-la Dekyong at Manjushri KMC, the NKT also offers each year the Intensive Teacher Training Programme taught by Gen-la Khyenrab, which provides intensive training for new Teachers and ongoing training and support for existing Teachers. For more information visit manjushri.org.
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**NF** = National Festival  **DC** = Dharma Celebration

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