

You are invited to help create...



Vajra Dakini Nunnery



The first Tibetan Buddhist  
Nunnery in North America.

With lineage blessings given by  
His Holiness Chetsang Rinpoche.




# Why Create A North American Nunnery now?



Because...





■ We in North America have  
been so blessed with visits from  
eminent teachers.

■ We have received life-  
transforming teachings.



**These blessings rest upon the strong monastic tradition still upheld in Asia.**



Imagine what may emerge  
100 years from now,



(The white stakes mark the site of Vajra Dakini Nunnery)

**If we create such a tradition on  
North American soil!**



And so we begin this project -  
the creation of  
Vajra Dakini Nunnery  
with the kind blessings of  
precious teachers of this time.



# His Holiness Chetsang Rinpoche, Drikung Kyabgon (Supreme Leader)



*“...Their aspiration to found this nunnery is profound and pure...I pray that this wonderful project be successful and benefit many beings.”*





# Pema Sangzin Khandro

The founder of Vajra Dakini Nunnery

*“The commitment to benefit all beings still rings out in Sarnath and Lumbini.... We are most fortunate in connecting to a long line of beings committed to attaining Buddhahood and eliminating the suffering of all beings.”*



Pema Sangzin Khandro, also known as Venerable Dhyani Ywahoo, is an extraordinary spiritual teacher of three wisdom paths – the AniYunwiwa (Cherokee), Drikung Kagyu and Nyingma (Tibetan Buddhist).



Khenchen Palden Sherab &  
Khenpo Tsewang Dongyal  
offer blessings from the Nyingma Lineage





Tatanka True, Venerable Dhyani's son, recognized as His Eminence Changlochen Rinpoche, offers his blessings and active support for Vajra Dakini Nunnery. He is seen here taking part in the Ground Blessing Ceremony, July 2005.



# What is a 21<sup>st</sup> century nunnery?

“In Buddhist history there have been numerous great masters who by arduous effort, establish contagious enlightenment centers, thereby benefiting countless sentient beings.”

**Khenchen Konchog Gyaltzen Rinpoche**

“Our world and all that is alive responds to prayer like a tuning fork. The nuns of Vajra Dakini will maintain prayers for peace and harmony among all beings. Monastics are ordinary people who dedicate their lives to exploring how to embody compassion through mindful community life.”

**Khenmo Drolma**



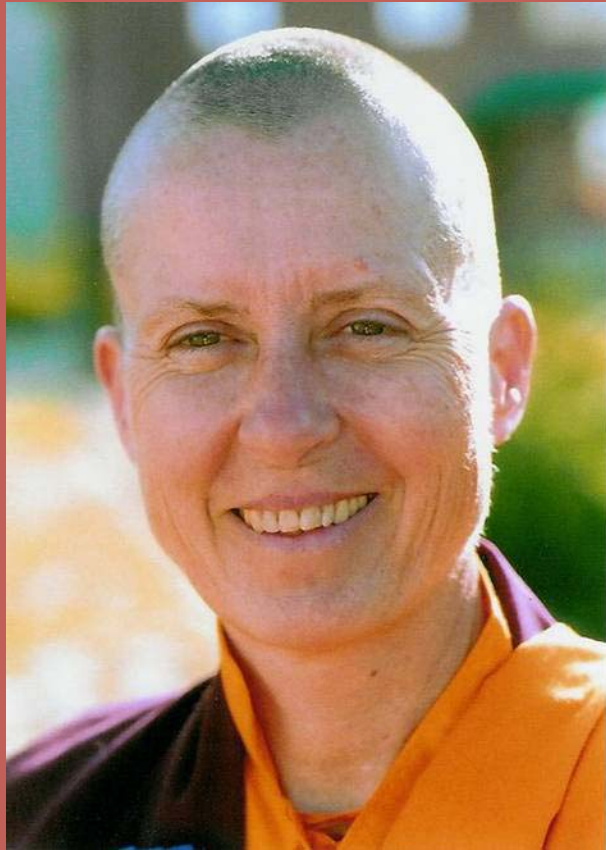
*“I have appointed Khenmo Drolma as Abbot due to her unique qualifications to lead this innovative community.”*

**HH Chetsang Rinpoche**

*“I appoint Khenmo Drolma as Abbess of Vajra Dakini Nunnery with full confidence.”*

**Pema Sangzin Khandro**





Khenmo Drolma is the first Western Abbess/Abbott, as well as the first fully ordained nun, in the Drikung Kagyu lineage. She has studied with Pema Sangzin Khandro for over 20 years, and received monastic and shedra training at Gampo Abbey.

*“I am delighted that Khenmo Drolma is leading the Vajra Dakini Nunnery Project.”*  
Venerable Pema Chodron,  
of Gampo Abbey



# How might Vajra Dakini Nunnery affect my life?

- The Buddhist women's heritage will be preserved, practiced, and enriched by the application of contemporary understanding of women's potential.
- Retreats and ceremonial practices at the nunnery will be open to the public;
- Nuns are always available to do prayers of healing and transition for you and your family members.





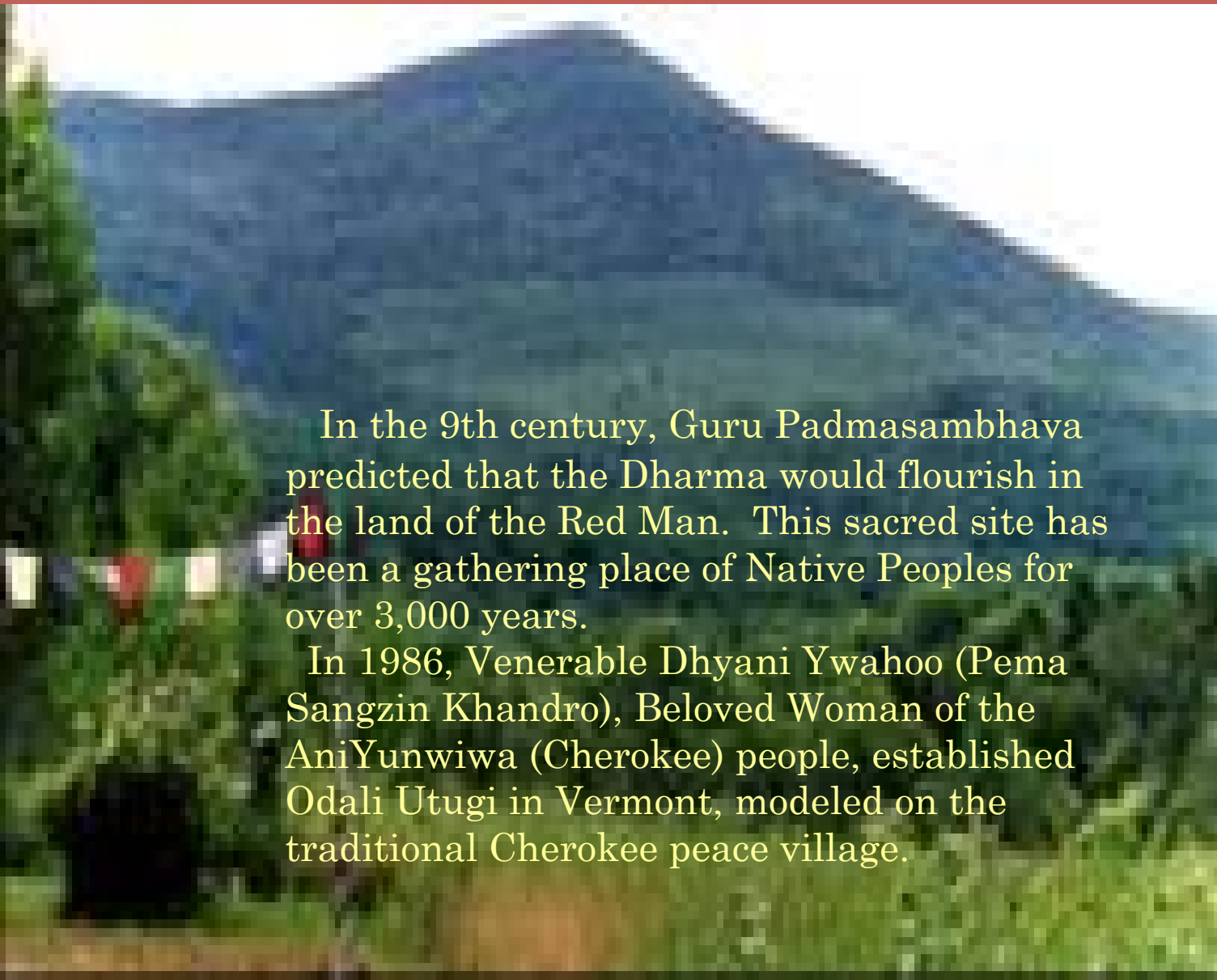
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- Authentic teachers who will pass the Dharma to Western students in our own language and culture will be trained here in study and retreat;
- Temporary ordination will be available for dedicated lay practitioners;



A visit to Vajra Dakini brings you to  
the Sunray Peace Village,  
Odali Utugi (Hope Mountain).





In the 9th century, Guru Padmasambhava predicted that the Dharma would flourish in the land of the Red Man. This sacred site has been a gathering place of Native Peoples for over 3,000 years.

In 1986, Venerable Dhyani Ywahoo (Pema Sangzin Khandro), Beloved Woman of the AniYunwiwa (Cherokee) people, established Odali Utugi in Vermont, modeled on the traditional Cherokee peace village.



Traditional Elders and Tibetan Rinpoches (precious teachers) have long recognized this valley nestled in the mountains as a site of feminine wisdom, supportive three intact wisdom streams, of powerful spiritual practice. Here the Aniyunwiwa Cherokee, Drikung Kagyu and Nyingma lineages of Tibetan Buddhism, flow into a mirror lake of wisdom. People of all nations come together in mutual respect to learn compassionate methods to relieve the suffering of all sentient beings.

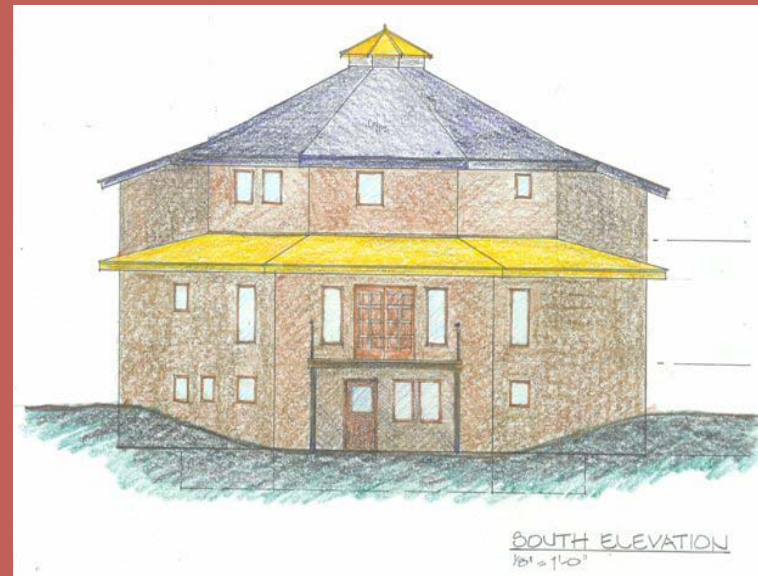
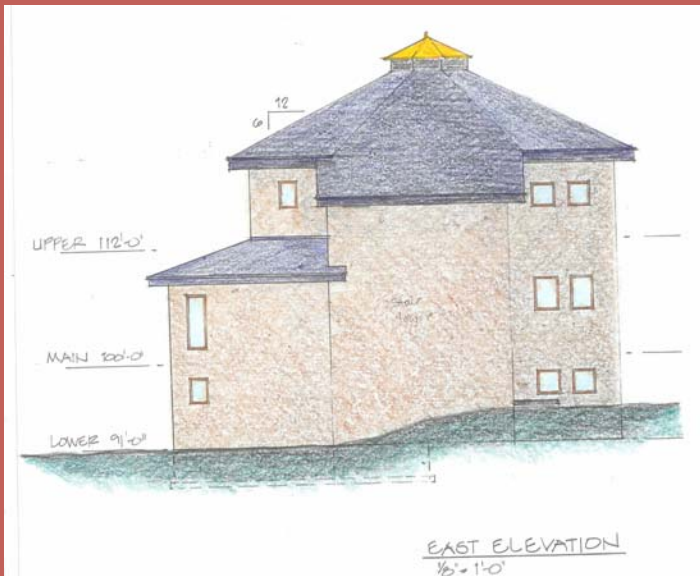




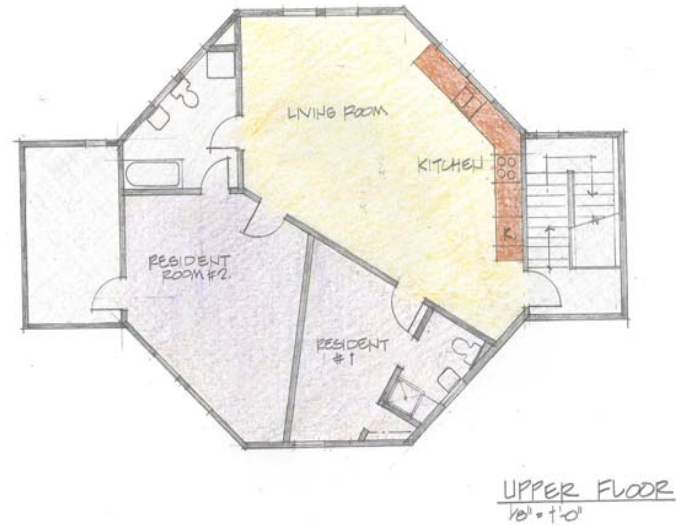
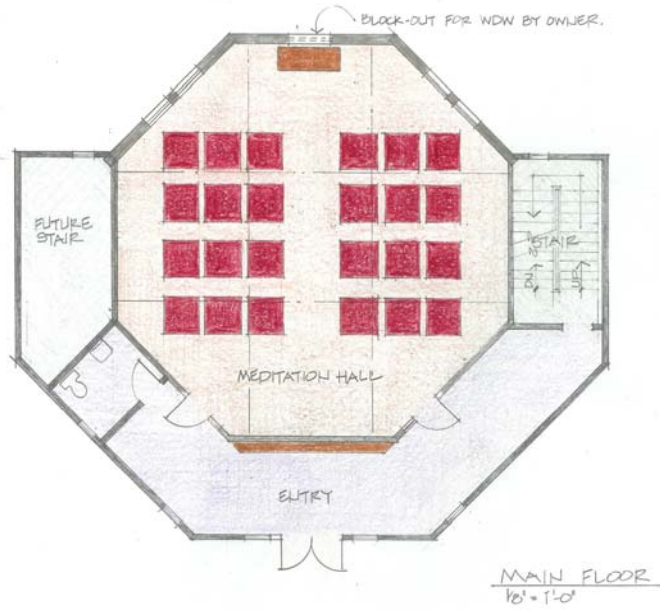
**You can help build  
Vajra Dakini Nunnery,  
and we hope you will!**



The nunnery will include a main meditation hall and living space for a community of four nuns in residence. The total cost is \$650,000. Work on the foundation will begin December 2005, and the building will be completed July 2006.



The \$650,000 we raise will cover all costs of the building, including permitting, construction, landscaping, modest furnishings, and the maintenance expenses for the first two years.






# We are on our way....


- As of October 2005, we have received \$150,000
- \$500,000 remains to be raised to complete Phase One.
- This will come from many friends making gifts of \$10,000, \$5,000, \$2,500, \$500 and \$100.



You can donate directly  
by sending a check to:  
Vajra Dakini Nunnery  
P.O. Box 382  
Bristol, VT 05443



 You can donate through our website, [www.vajradakininunnery.org](http://www.vajradakininunnery.org).

 **COMING SOON!** At this site you soon be able to buy coffee, tea, chocolate and other products from **Green Tara Delectables**, where all profits go to support the nuns at Vajra Dakini.



We hope you will join the  
family of friends –  
women and men from many  
countries –  
who are contributing to the  
creation of Vajra Dakini  
Nunnery!



*“I ask all my friends and disciples to  
lend your support to this worthy  
project.”* HE Garchen Rinpoche

*“This kind of project...is very  
worthwhile, so is deserving of our  
sacrifice of effort and resource. I  
urge everyone to participate in and  
contribute to this kind of noble  
deed.”*

Khenchen Konchog Gyaltshen  
Rinpoche



*“Everyone who participates and contributes, no matter how large or small, will get the same amount of merit by which to end the suffering of cyclic existence.”*

Khenchen Konchog Gyaltshen  
Rinpoche





# Thank you!

For more information →



- For more information about Vajra Dakini Nunnery go to [www.vajradakininunnery.org](http://www.vajradakininunnery.org),
- For more information about the Sunray Peace Village, go to [www.sunray.org](http://www.sunray.org)
- To speak directly with Khenmo Drolma or a member of the Vajra Dakini board, leave a message with the Sunray office at (802) 453-4610
- For more information about the Drikung Kagyu go to [www.drikung.org](http://www.drikung.org)
- A brief biography of Khenmo Drolma is available at [www.vajradakininunnery.org](http://www.vajradakininunnery.org)

