



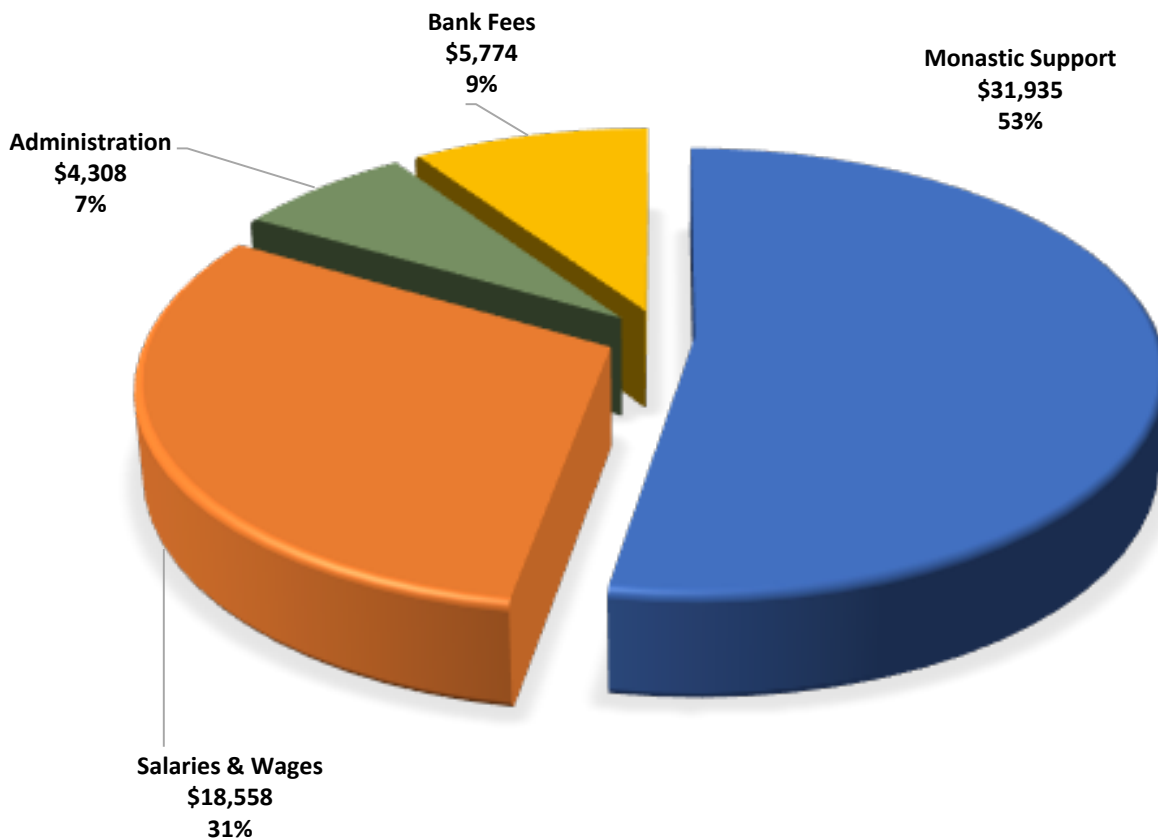
INTERNATIONAL MAHAYANA INSTITUTE

Dear Friends and Benefactors of the IMI,

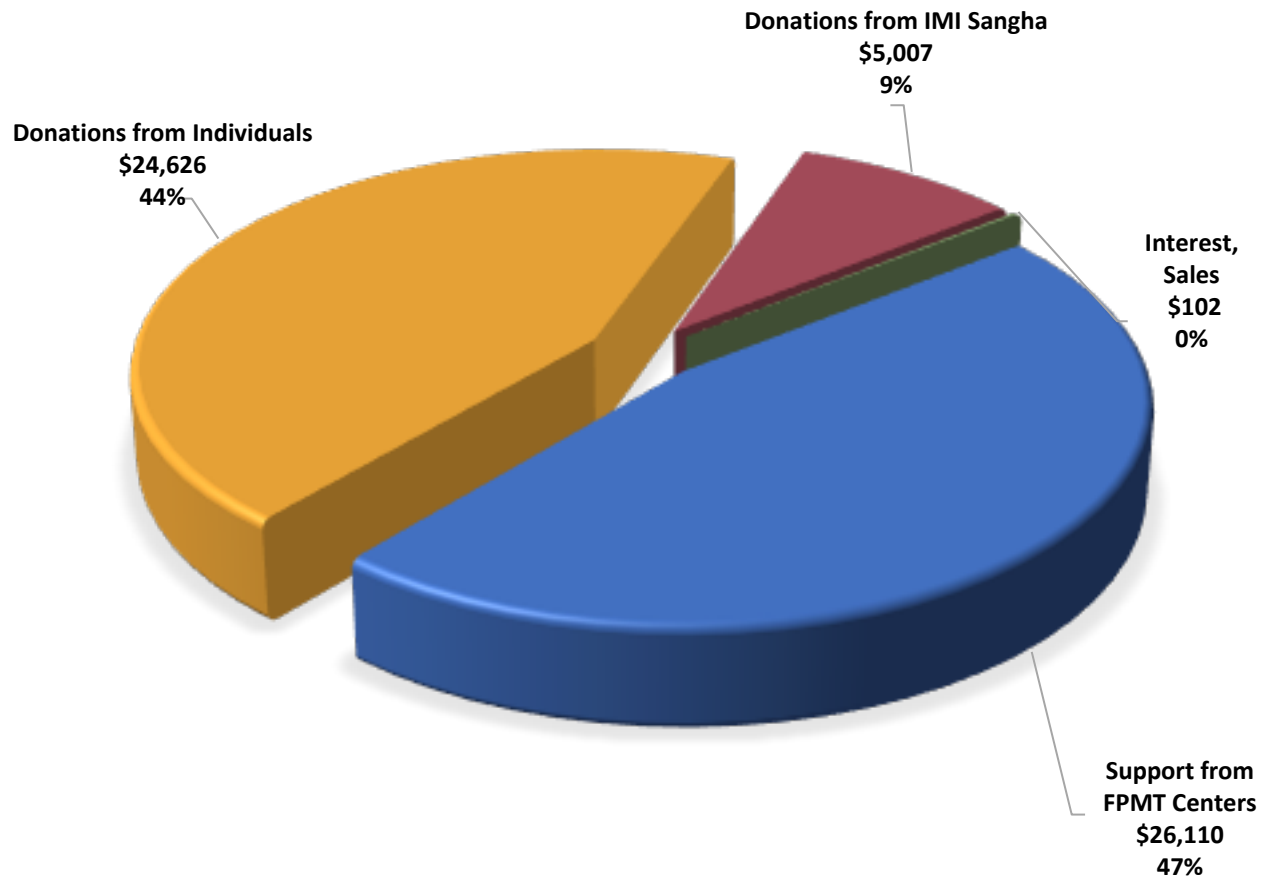
On behalf of all the monks and nuns of the FPMT International Mahayana Institute, we are happy to present our year overview, including the financial report.

As many donors as well as FPMT centers, projects, and services support us financially (via the mandatory annual donation to the Lama Yeshe Sangha Fund), we owe you transparency. With gratitude to all of you who provide significant support to the IMI, we have compiled this financial report for 2019 to show how your generosity has helped the FPMT monastic community. Thanks to your contributions to the Lama Yeshe Sangha Fund, we have been able to support many Sangha activities in 2019.

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"The Buddhist Monastic is the oldest and only monastic institution that has lasted for nearly three thousand years. The Christian institution is two thousand years and the Jain institution is practically non-existent. The Vinaya is what we are following and that was said by the Buddha. Shakyamuni Buddha is one in a lineage. Before him there were many other Buddhas. What happened to those teachings? They were all Buddhas, they all taught. Why haven't we got their teachings? Because they didn't create a Sangha. And because they didn't create a Sangha, the teachings did not last. If we want the Dharma to continue, then the Sangha must also continue. No Sangha, no Dharma. It's as simple as that. Corrupted Sangha, corrupted Dharma. Pure Sangha, pure Dharma."

Sister Jotika on Monastic Life, 2001

Utilization of Funds - See chart on page 1

Total expenses for 2019 were \$60,575 (USD), of which 53% provided direct support to IMI Sangha members. This enabled 9 IMI Sangha to attend the Vajra Yogini retreat in France, as well as, supporting 19 monks and nuns to engage in teaching, study and retreat, or help for their acute health situation. Individual requests for support are evaluated based on need and the activity for which the grant is requested. All applications are evaluated by a committee of four senior Sangha members.

Sources of Funds - See chart on page 2

Individual sponsors and FPMT centers, projects, and services contribute significantly to the IMI. It is FPMT policy that Centers, Projects and Services make an annual contribution of at least US \$240 to the Lama Yeshe Sangha Fund, but it is always possible to give more or less according to their means.

During 2019 IMI received an income of \$55,513 (USD). Of this income, 47% came from FPMT centers, projects and services, 44% came from individual donors, 9% came from IMI Sangha members, 1% came from interest accumulated and book sales.

19 IMI Sangha received structural support for retreat, study, service or acute medical support in 2019. We also sponsored 9 Sangha members to attend the Vajra Yogini retreat in France.

Also, the IMI co-sponsored the annual POC (Pre-Ordination Course) at Tushita Meditation Center in Dharamsala. Yearly His Holiness the Dalai Lama ordains Westerners, and the POC is obligatory for those who wish to ordain. Tushita and the IMI sponsor each 50% of the organization costs, there were 8 participants and we sponsored 4 of them with lodging and food as well.

We know other monks and nuns were supported directly by centers to attend retreats in addition to the support they send the IMI. Hosting centers generously offer sangha the teachings for free during retreats and study programs but many monks and nuns have to pay for travel expenses, food and accommodation. Without the help of the IMI these monks and nuns would not have enough resources to attend programs.

A personal thank you to our generous donors:

My name is Lobsang Dekyi, I am Spanish and I have been a FPMT nun for 9 years. I have studied BP in Nalanda from 2013 to 2016 and after this, my precious gurus advised me to do a long retreat. I do not have any money, possession or economic income and it is thanks to the help and care of the IMI that I am able to follow this so valuable advice. I am in the 16th month of retreat now at Osel Ling Retreat Center, near Granada in Spain. I feel very fortunate and happy to have the opportunity of dedicate my time and effort in this way for the benefit of all sentient beings. I am infinitely grateful to the IMI since in my case, without its financial help and care, this could not be possible at all. From the bottom of my heart to everyone who sponsors and contributes to the IMI, thank you very much. I dedicate whatever merit I am creating for the true happiness of all sentient beings.

My name is Thubten Jamyang, I'm able to live in Nalanda Monastery and study the Basic Program due to the IMI grant. We are now in our third year. This means that I can practice my vows in a proper environment for a young monk, that I can follow, study and practice Buddha's teachings in a suitable environment, and I can support the monastery with my work as volunteer coordinator. The extra bit of money I get, I have used for health treatment in Croatia, my

motherland. I had some issues for five years. I feel good results and it is still getting better. I am very thankful for the opportunity, and even now during this corona crisis that has stricken the world, there is no other place where I need to be than here at Nalanda, studying and trying to change my mind. My teacher, my family and friends agree.

We would like to introduce [the people](#) who make the IMI work at this moment:

The IMI Board:

Board members include representatives of all the worldwide FPMT monastic communities on all relevant continents.

They are Venerables Massimo (monks Lhungtok Choekhorling, Italy), Siliana (nuns Lhungtok Choekhorling, Italy), Chokyi (Chenrezig Nuns Community, Australia), Legtsok (IMI House Sera Jey Monastery, India), Gyaltzen (Nalanda Monastery, France), Chantal (Dorje Pamo Nunnery, France), Tendron (representing all the nuns and monks who are not living in a community, especially the North American sangha) and Tendar (IMI director). We are happy that the relationship between the monastic communities and the IMI is strong in this way.

In 2019 the IMI Board had regular Skype meetings in order to have good governance. The main topics that the Board worked on was to establish an IMI Public Statement (about our mission, adherence to the FPMT Ethical Policy with Sangha-specific additions, and follow a procedure for resolving grievances) and finalized the IMI Grievance Procedure, following FPMT policy and guidelines. (both are published on the IMI website)

The IMI Senior Sangha Council:

This Council consists of Venerables Roger Kunsang, Geshe Namdak, Paloma, Chantal, Tsapel, Tharchin and Tendar. They are senior IMI nuns and monks. The Senior Sangha Council's role is to advise on ethical matters related to IMI members. In 2019 the council was not approached for any advice or mediation regarding IMI members.

The IMI Regional Representatives:

The [IMI regional representatives](#) are monks and nuns who, in cooperation with others, take care of the needs of the monks and nuns in the region.

They are Venerables Yangchen (North America), Yeshe (Latin America), Thekchok (Europe), Dechen (Taiwan), Damcho (Australia & New Zealand), Kunphen (South Asia), Drachom (Malaysia & Singapore).

Lama Zopa Rinpoche advised that the IMI should know the needs of its monks and nuns, and the IMI representatives help with that by reaching out at least once a year to the sangha in their region. They are the eyes and ears of the IMI, as one of the goals of the IMI to have good quality sangha members, who are well educated and inspiring in their behaviour, so that lay practitioners have respect and create positive karma by supporting the sangha.

The IMI representatives work closely with the FPMT regional or national coordinators.

The IMI review committee:

All requests from individuals for support from the Lama Yeshe Sangha Fund for their studies, service, retreat or health situation are judged by the review committee: Venerables Roger Kunsang, Chantal, Steve Carlier and Tendar form this committee.

Account holders and bookkeeper:

The IMI has three accounts (details can be found on our website): To get all the details together we have a bookkeeper, Pete Albertsen. In 2020 Ven Kalden will start as treasurer.

Office manager:

In Drolkar McCallum we have a very experienced Office Manager. She is the central figure for the publication of the quarterly newsletter, keeping the website up and running, IMI Facebook page, manages daily front office emails, receives all membership changes, keeps data base up to date and forwards important news (memberclicks and salesforce), administrates the grants applications, manages special projects (like the robe offerings to all IMI sangha) and is responsible for the donor management (thank-you's).

As you can see, we can rejoice that about 25 people have been actively working for the IMI in order to fulfil its aims.

The IMI monastic communities functioned very well. They reported their highlights in the [IMI Newsletters](#).

Thank you for helping our community of Sangha in their efforts to attain enlightenment for the benefit of all sentient beings by contributing to the requisites for ordained life, the conditions to practice the holy advice of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, the trainings to be a source of inspiration to others, the studies to become qualified FPMT registered teachers. This financial support helps to ensure that FPMT centers, projects and services have qualified Sangha available to assist them both now and in the future.

If you have any questions please contact us at: office@imisangha.org

***Wherever there is SANGHA
There, the Dharma will flourish***

Thank you for your continuing support for the Sangha.

**Losang Tendar
IMI Director**