



INTERNATIONAL MAHAYANA INSTITUTE

Dear Supporters and Friends of the IMI,

We hope that you and your close ones are well at the beginning of this new year. On behalf of all the monks and nuns of the International Mahayana Institute, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support of our community. Thanks to your contributions to the Lama Yeshe Sangha Fund, we have been able to support many Sangha activities in 2018.

With gratitude to all of you who provide significant support to the IMI, all the FPMT centers and individuals, we have compiled a financial report for the year 2018 to share how your generosity has helped the FPMT monastic community.

Utilization of Funds – Please see charts page 3

Total expenses for 2018 were \$61,424 (USD), of which 65% provided direct support to IMI Sangha members. This enabled 8 IMI Sangha to attend the Heart of Wisdom Retreat in Australia, as well as, supporting those engaged in teaching, study and retreat.

- 7 nuns and 1 monk attending the Heart of Wisdom Retreat with Kyabje Zopa Rinpoche in Australia.
- 2 nuns participating at the Vinaya training at Sravasti Abbey and Tushita.
- The yearly Pre Ordination Course (POC) in Tushita Dharamsala for newly ordained monks/nuns by His Holiness the Dalai Lama. The IMI usually sponsors 50% of the costs (Tushita Meditation Centre sponsors the other 50%), and we paid for all of the costs of the retreat for 2 monks and 2 nuns.
- 3 nuns and 6 monks undertaking the study of the Buddhadharma at Nalanda, Chenrezig, and Kopan.
- 1 nun doing retreat in the USA.

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.

Sponsoring monks and nuns to attend Rinpoche's retreats enables the Sangha to continue to receive teachings directly from our Holy Guru, to become familiar with practices updated with Rinpoche's changes to texts, tunes, and to receive Rinpoche's instructions for new projects.

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.

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 three senior Sangha members.

IMI Sangha who received support in 2018

Venerables Losang Thubten, Yeshe Namdak, Tenzin Yonten, Tenzin Gendun, Lektsok, Losang Zopa, Losang Dekyi, Gyalten Tsultrim, Lobsang Kunsang, Tenzin Pelyang, Lindy Mailhot, Thubten Paldron, Thubten Chokyi, Losang Tendar, Thubten Damchoe, Losang Tenzin, Thubten Dechen, Tenzin Lekdron, Roger Munro, Ven. Carmen, Tenzin Drolma, Thubten Gendun, Losang Gyatso and Tashi Choedup.

Appreciation of IMI support to attend the Heart of Wisdom Retreat



Heart of Wisdom Retreat Photo by Ven. Sherab

"I was very fortunate to receive financial assistance from IMI to be able to attend the retreat in Bendigo last May. I am very isolated from other Mahayana sangha living by myself, so to do retreat with Rinpoche and spend time with other sangha is essential for my inspiration and guidance."

"Spending this time in retreat with Rinpoche, and many brother and sister Sangha and all students that came from near and far within our FPMT family - renewing friendships

and making new ones – practicing together - is what truly nourishes me in every way - filling up my heart with inspiration, enabling me to return to my local centre freshly energized"

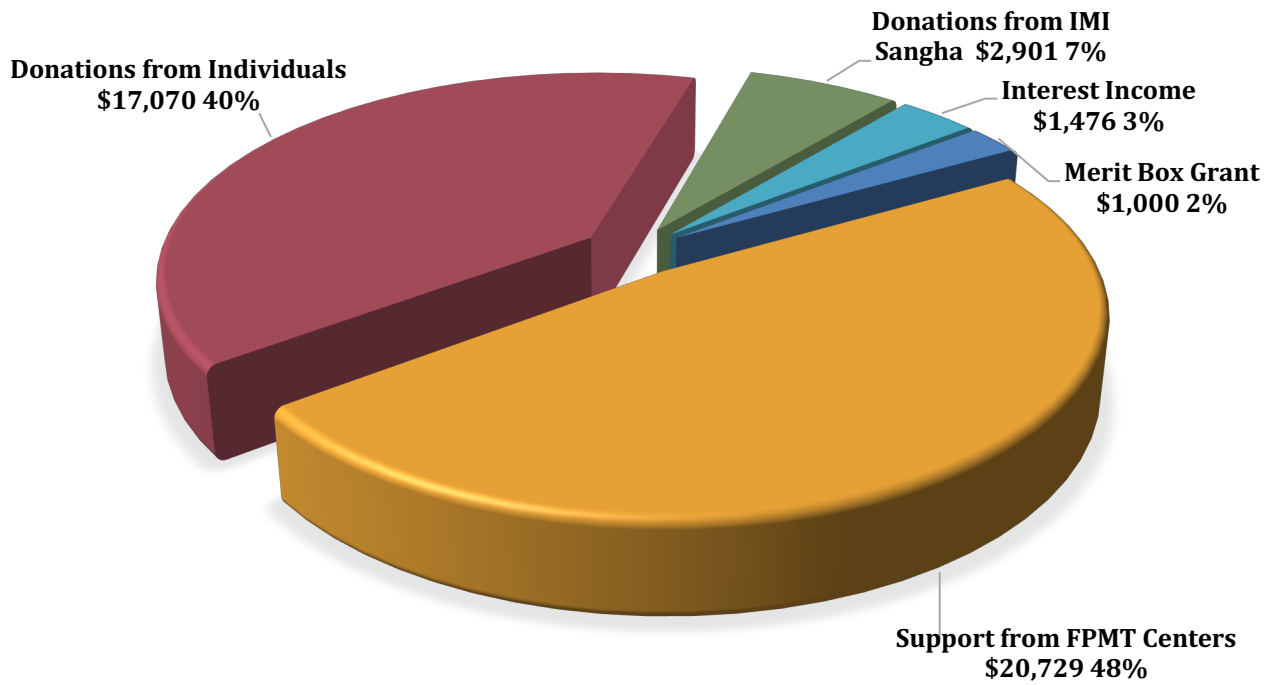
"Through the immeasurable support the Lama Yeshe Sangha Fund gives me I have this incomparable opportunity to help so many beings through devoting all aspects of my life to serving the holy wishes of Lama Zopa Rinpoche and serve Nalanda Monastery."

Sources of Funds – Please see charts page 3

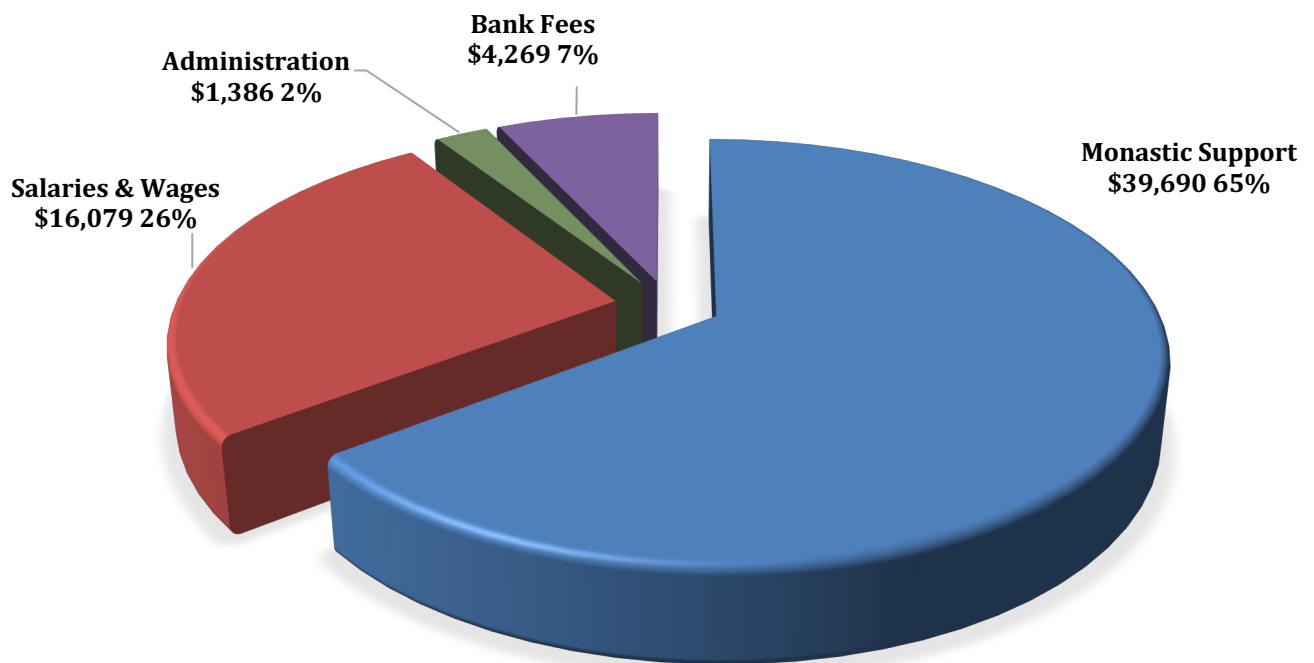
Individual sponsors and FPMT Centers contribute significantly to the IMI. It is FPMT policy that Centers, Projects and Services make an annual contribution of at least US \$240 to the Lama Yeshe Sangha Fund, but it is always possible to give more or less according to their means.

During 2018 IMI received an income of \$43,176 (USD). Of this income, 48% came from FPMT centers, projects and services, 40% came from individual donors, 7% came from IMI Sangha members, 3% came from interest accumulated and 2% from an FPMT Merit Box Grant.

SOURCE OF FUNDS 2018



UTILIZATION OF FUNDS 2018



General developments

In 2018 the IMI has re-established a Board in order to have good governance. Board members include representatives of all the FPMT monastic communities and are living worldwide on all relevant continents. As it is one of the policies of the IMI to encourage living in a community, it is good that the relationship between the monastic communities are strengthened.

The IMI Sangha Senior Council addressed their charter on ethical standards ensuring the ethical integrity of the IMI community.

The IMI monastic communities functioned very well, they reported their highlights in the IMI Newsletters. One of the highlights was the opening of Dorje Pamo Monastery for nuns (near Nalanda Monastery and Institute Vajra Yogini) in Fiac, France. Also we saw progress in the building plans in Australia, Italy and Spain.

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
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