



FPMT Foundation Store Policy Regarding Holy Objects

The Foundation Store products are primarily made available for dharma practice and educational purposes, and never for the purpose of profiting from the sale of holy objects and Dharma materials.

Therefore, while charges may be levied for certain Dharma items that are sold in the Foundation Store, proceeds from sales through the Foundation Store are carefully categorized and calculated to ensure that income from Dharma items is used to make available more Dharma and to further the charitable mission and projects of FPMT Inc. We carefully follow the Buddhist principles for the use of Dharma income and any payments for salaries or food expenses are excluded when calculating the net Dharma proceeds from the Foundation Store.

Holy objects, which includes sacred art, is a special category for The Foundation Store. These objects are being made available for the benefit of practitioners who would like to have holy objects and images as devotional supports to their practice. It is contrary to the Refuge vows and to the policy of FPMT to engage in the business of selling holy objects for profit. Therefore, we do not provide these objects in an ordinary way, thinking of them as goods to be bought and sold. Rather, we are making them available with the wish to benefit others. The offerings for holy objects are carefully calculated in order to cover our costs for being able to make the holy objects available to practitioners.

From your side, please do not think that you are purchasing this holy object. Rather, think that you are making an offering to a Dharma organization with an attitude of devotion and the thought to benefit sentient beings; and think that the Buddhas in the aspect of this holy object are now coming to you in thanksgiving and to support your practice. This is the most skillful way to "acquire" holy objects and avoids the downfall of thinking of holy objects in an ordinary way.

We hope you enjoy reviewing our selection of Holy Objects and that these items serve your practice needs. Offerings for holy objects are not tax deductible.

Report on Use of Dharma Income 2016

Summary of Foundation Store Dharma Income in 2016

In 2016 the total proceeds from Dharma Items and from donations in the Foundation Store was **\$115,574** from the following categories:

Foundation Store Proceeds from Dharma Items ¹	\$ 105,847
Foundation Store Practicing Generosity Donations	<u>\$ 9,727</u>
Total	<u>\$115,574</u>

Summary of Expenses for FPMT Holy Objects and Dharma Services in 2016

The Foundation Store Proceeds from Dharma Items of **\$105,847** contributed towards the costs and expenses for a number of Holy Objects and Dharma Services which were incurred by FPMT International Office in 2016 as follows:

Printing and Distribution of Mandala Magazine	\$41,443
Educating and Inspiring Students	\$16,756
Sponsorship of Dharma Translation Activities	\$15,450
Information Services and Communications Support	\$15,369
Offerings and Sponsorship of Holy Objects and Pujas	\$10,760
Supporting Global Centers and Charitable Projects	<u>\$ 6,068</u>
Total	<u>\$105,847</u>

Summary of Transfers from Foundation Store to FPMT Projects and Services in 2016

The donations received through the Foundation Store Practice Generosity option of **\$9,727** was transferred as donations to Charitable Projects and Activities as follows:

Donation to Friend of FPMT	\$3,060
Donation to Sera Je Food Fund	\$1,744
Donation to Give Where Most Need Fund	\$1,474
Donation to Practice and Retreat Fund	\$1,370
Donation to Social Services Fund	\$825
Donation to Stupa Fund	\$722
Donation to International Office	\$210
Donation to Holy Objects Fund	\$165
Donation to Education and Preservation Fund	\$115
Donation to Lama Yeshe Sangha Fund	<u>\$42</u>
Total	<u>\$9,727</u>

¹ The Net Proceeds from Dharma sales excludes any expenses for Foundation Store salaries or food expenses. Dharma sales excludes any sales of incense, katas, malas, mandala sets, water bowls, auspicious symbols, robes, representations of the seven royal emblems and eight substances which are not considered holy objects.