

# INTERNATIONAL MAHAYANA INSTITUTE

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

Dear Friends,

Hoping 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 2015.

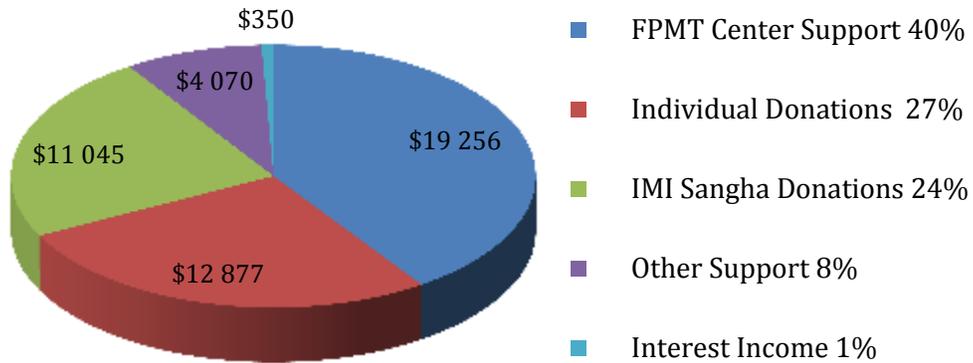
As you know, it is FPMT policy that Centers, Projects and Services make an annual contribution of at least US\$240 to the Lama Yeshe Sangha Fund. However, please know that it is always possible to give more or less according to your means. We understand that sometimes centers run into financial difficulties and we do not want to add to that. **Support at any level is always very much appreciated.**

At the last CPMT meeting in Bendigo, Australia in Sept 2014, IMI received requests to provide more regular financial information to all of you who provide significant support to the IMI. With that in mind we have compiled a financial report for the year 2015 for your information – and for rejoicing.

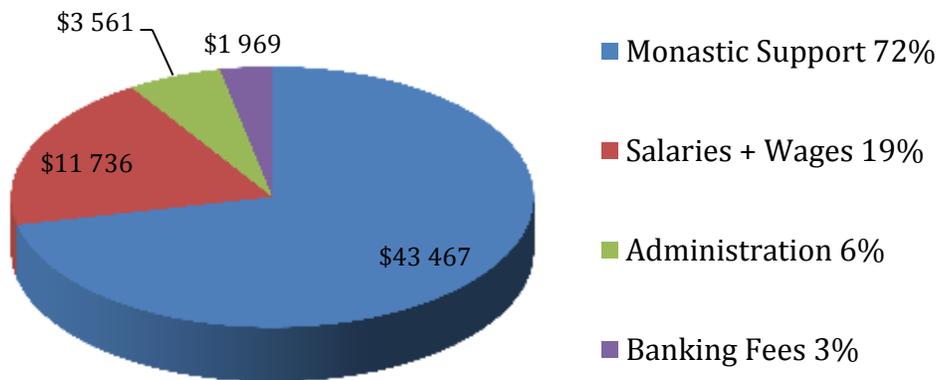
## **Sources of Funds**

During 2015 IMI had income of US \$47,598. 40% of this income came from FPMT centers, projects and services, 27% came from individual donors and 24% were donations received from IMI Sangha members. In addition, IMI received approximately 8% of its annual income from the Merit Box Project and 1% from interest income. The Merit Box funds were applied for and used to support those IMI Sangha members in need who wished to attend the 2015 retreats in the Netherlands and Mexico with Lama Zopa Rinpoche.

### Sources of Funds 2015 (USD)



### Uses of Funds 2015 (USD)



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Total expenses for 2015 were \$60,733, of which 72% went directly to support IMI Sangha members engaged in study, retreat, teaching and monastic training. This financial support helps in many ways, including helping to ensure that FPMT centers, projects and services have qualified Sangha available to assist them both now and in the future.

Individual requests for support are evaluated based on need as well as on the activity for which the grant is requested. All applications are evaluated by a committee of three senior Sangha members.

The following is a list of activities that were supported by IMI in 2015. Following this is a list of names of the Sangha members who received that support.

***Individual Retreat***

One Sangha member received support for solitary retreat for a cost of \$3,600.

***Traveling Teacher***

One Sangha member received support of \$3,600 for basic expenses while engaged in teaching at various FPMT centers worldwide.

***Group Retreat***

Twelve Sangha members received support to attend retreats with Kyabje Zopa Rinpoche in Guadalajara, Mexico and in the Netherlands. The total support for these retreats was \$2,404. In addition, \$14,205 was paid out in 2015 to cover the balance owed from the 2014 Bendigo retreat.

***Studies***

Eight Sangha members received support for studies undertaken at Nalanda Monastery in France and at Sera Monastery in India for a cost of \$15,281.

***Training***

Every year IMI co-sponsors a pre ordination training course that precedes ordination with HH Dalai Lama in Dharamsala. IMI's share of the cost in 2014 was \$539.

***Medicine***

One Sangha member received medicine at a cost \$1,610.

***Retreat Cabin***

IMI contributed \$2,228 toward the building of an IMI retreat cabin at Thakpa Kachoe in France. The cabin was largely sponsored by the FPMT Ordained Sangha Fund.

***IMI Sangha who received support in 2015***

Vens Thubten Tenzin, Tenzin Gendun, Thubten Lektsok, Losang Gyaltzen, Losang Tsultrim, Losang Thubten, Losang Tendar, Yeshe Namdak, Tenzin Yonten, Losang Gendun, Losang Zopa, Losang Dekyi, Lhundub Chodron, Amy Miller, Thubten Norzin, Thubten Wongmo, Thubten Khadro, Tom Ivory, Roger Munro, Gyalten Lekden

In addition to the type of support outlined above, IMI provides regular communications to the IMI Sangha community through enews letters and emails as well as responding to numerous requests for information. [See a list of our 2015 accomplishments.](#)

The IMI staff consists of a Director, Member Services Administrator and accountant. Salaries of \$11,736 amounted to 19% of overall expenses. Other administrative expenses of \$3,561 were primarily costs associated with internet based services such as IMI's online member database, website and accounting. Banking fees accounted for 3% of expenses and included Paypal fees, credit card fees and FPMT IOF management fees. These costs amounted to \$1,969..

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at [office@imisangha.org](mailto:office@imisangha.org).

**Thank you for your continuous support.**

**Chantal T. Dekyi and Lhundub Chodron**  
**IMI Director and Accountant**