

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 2017.

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.

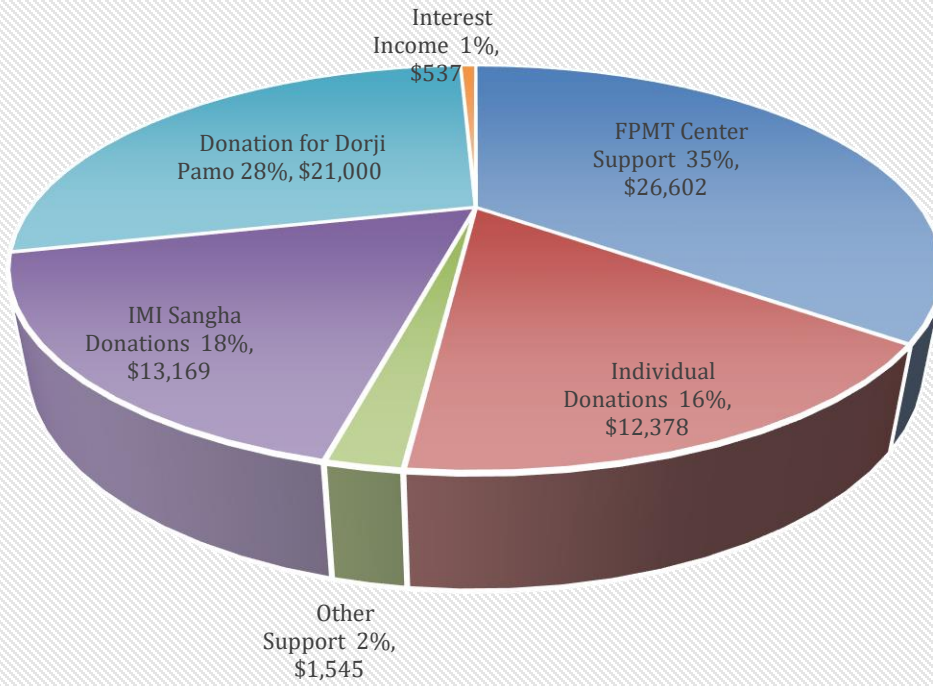
Support at any level is always very much appreciated.

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 2017 for your information – and for rejoicing.

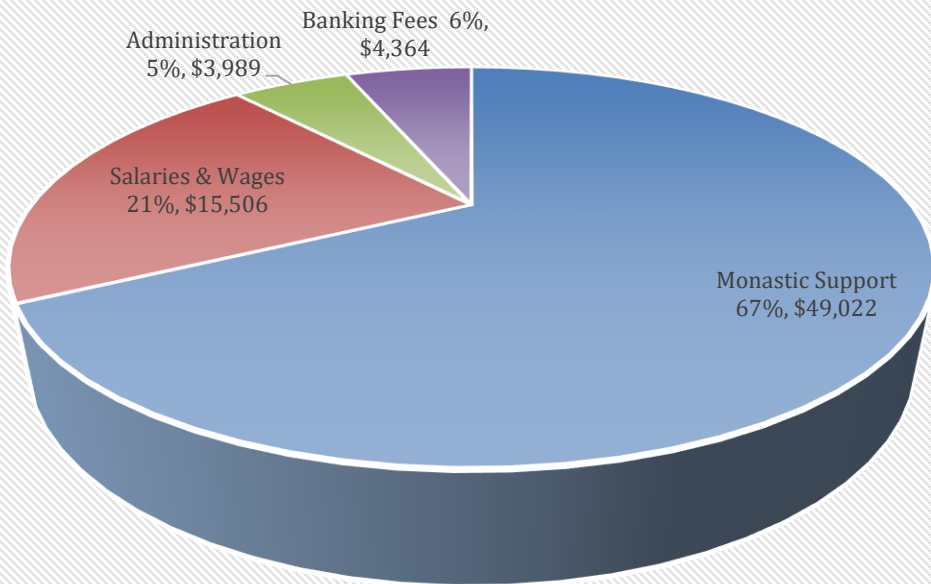
Sources of Funds

During 2017 IMI had income of US \$75,231. 35% of this income came from FPMT centers, projects and services, 16% came from individual donors and 46% came from IMI Sangha members. The latter included a very generous \$21,000 donation bequeathed by one of our Sangha members to support Dorji Pamo, the new nun's community that is being established in France. In addition to interest income, which comprised 1% of total income, IMI received approximately 2% of their income from the Merit Box project.

Sources of Funds 2017 (USD)



Uses of Funds 2017 (USD)



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Total expenses for 2017 were \$70,880, of which 67% provided direct support to IMI Sangha members. Of this amount, \$21,000 was used to support Dorji Pamo, the new nun's community in France, and the remainder supported Sangha engaged in study and retreat. In addition, one aging monk received \$1,219 in support for medicine and housing support and \$535 was used to co-sponsor the preordination training course at Tushita, Dharamsala. 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 2017. Following this is a list of names of the Sangha members who received that support.

Individual Retreat

Two Sangha members received support for solitary retreat for a cost of \$4,347

Group Retreat

Eleven Sangha members received support to attend the Light of the Path retreat with Kyabje Zopa Rinpoche in North Carolina at a cost of \$7,719. Four Sangha received support of \$1,842 for the Mani Retreat in Italy.

Studies

Eight Sangha members received support for studies undertaken at Nalanda Monastery in France for a cost of \$12,357.

Training

IMI co-sponsored the preordination training course at Tushita, Dharamsala at a cost of \$535.

IMI Sangha who received support in 2017

Vens Losang Thubten, Yeshe Namdak, Tenzin Yonden. Losang Dekyi, Tenzin Gendun, Lektsok, Zopa, Thubten Gyatso, Rigshog, Losang Tendar, Losang Dekyi, Christian Cambressi, Amy Miller, Lhundub Jamyang, Tenzin Pelyang, Annette Angel, Tenzin Khunphen, Tenzin Nangsel, Katy Cole, Losang Namgyal, Lhubdub Nyima, Jimi Magner, Roger Munro.

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 2017 accomplishments at <http://imisangha.org/addition-to-the-2017-financial-report>.

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

Thank you for your continuing support.

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