



## **FPMT Foundation Store Policy Regarding Dharma Items**

### **Dharma Items**

Dharma items in The Foundation Store are made available for Dharma practice and educational purposes, and never for the purpose of profiting from their sale.

Therefore, we do not provide these Dharma items in an ordinary way, thinking of them as goods to be bought and sold. Rather, we make them available with the wish to benefit others and gratefully accept money offerings in return.

**Generosity-Based Offerings:** We have made a large number of our digital items available on a generosity-based model starting at \$0.

**Minimum Offering Amounts:** For some items, we have listed a minimum offering amount. This minimum offering amount is necessary to cover the costs incurred producing or importing these items.

All offering proceeds received are carefully calculated and categorized to ensure that any proceeds from Dharma items are used for making more Dharma available and to further the charitable mission and projects of FPMT, Inc. We carefully follow Buddhist principles for the use of this money. This money is not used for staff salaries or food expenses.

### **How to Think While Obtaining Dharma Items**

We encourage you to refrain from thinking that you are “purchasing” any Dharma items. Instead, we encourage you to think that you are making an offering to a Dharma organization and to generate an attitude of devotion and the wish to benefit sentient beings. In addition, we encourage you to think that the buddhas, in the aspect of Dharma items, come to you as an expression of thanksgiving and to support your practice. This is the most skillful way to obtain Dharma items and avoids the downfall of considering Dharma items in an ordinary way.

### **Our Dharma Item Generosity Policy**

The Foundation Store exists solely to make Dharma items available to students around the world to further the charitable mission and projects of FPMT, Inc. If you are unable to offer the amount suggested for FPMT digital materials or online programs, we will happily work with you to find a solution. Please contact us at [shipping@fpmt.org](mailto:shipping@fpmt.org).

*Dharma items ordered through the FPMT online store are not tax deductible under US law.*



## Report on Foundation Store Dharma Income 2017

### Summary of Foundation Store Dharma Income in 2017

In 2017 the total offering proceeds from Dharma items<sup>1</sup> and from Practice Generosity Donations in the Foundation Store was **\$99,958** from the following categories:

Foundation Store Proceeds from Dharma Items <sup>2</sup>	\$91,945
Foundation Store Practicing Generosity Donations	\$8,013
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$99,958</u></b>

### Summary of Expenses for FPMT Holy Objects and Dharma Services in 2017

The Foundation Store Proceeds from Dharma Items of **\$91,945** contributed towards the costs and expenses for a number of holy objects and Dharma services, which were incurred by FPMT International Office in 2017 as follows:

Printing and Distribution of <i>Mandala</i> Magazine	\$44,539
Information Services and Communications Support	\$22,060
Supporting Global Centers and Charitable Projects	\$12,250
Educating and Inspiring Students	\$6,910
Offerings and Sponsorship of Holy Objects and Pujas	<u>\$6,186</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$91,945</u></b>

### Summary of Transfers from Foundation Store to FPMT Projects and Services in 2017

The donations received through the Foundation Store Practice Generosity option of **\$8,013** was transferred as donations to charitable projects and activities as follows:

Donation to Friend of FPMT	\$2,130
Donation to Give Where Most Need Fund	\$1,326
Donation to Supporting Ordained Sangha Fund	\$910
Donation to Stupa Fund	\$905
Donation to Social Services Fund	\$800
Donation to Lama Tsongkhapa Teachers Fund	\$423
Donation to Animal Liberation Fund	\$337
Donation to Lama Zopa Rinpoche Bodhichitta Fund	\$300
Donation to Holy Objects Fund	\$296
Donation to Lama Yeshe Sangha Fund	\$158
Donation to Education and Preservation Fund	\$155
Donation to Practice and Retreat Fund	\$140
Donation to International Office	<u>\$133</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$8,013</u></b>

<sup>1</sup> Dharma books; statues; thangkas and photos of gurus and deities; mantras inside prayer wheels; double dorje brocade for thrones; stupas; and dorje and bells sets are all Dharma items.

<sup>2</sup> The net proceeds from Dharma items excludes any expenses for Foundation Store salaries or food expenses. Dharma items excludes any sales of incense, khatas, malas, mandala sets, water bowls, auspicious symbols, robes, and representations of the seven royal emblems and eight substances, which are not considered holy objects.