

## Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition

### Prayer Wheel Fund Charter



### Purifying Karma and Creating Merit

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#### **FPMT Mission Statement**

The FPMT is an organization devoted to the transmission of the Mahayana Buddhist tradition and values worldwide through teaching, meditation and community service. We provide integrated education through which people's minds and hearts can be transformed into their highest potential for the benefit of others, inspired by an attitude of universal responsibility. We are committed to creating harmonious environments and helping all beings develop their full potential of infinite wisdom and compassion. Our organization is based on the Buddhist tradition of Lama Tsongkhapa of Tibet as taught to us by our founder, Lama Thubten Yeshe and our spiritual director, Lama Thubten Zopa Rinpoche.

#### **Overview**

Established by Lama Zopa Rinpoche in 1994, The Prayer Wheel Fund provides resources to build prayer wheels across the world, as directed by Lama Zopa Rinpoche. Prayer wheels contain the mantra of the Buddha of Compassion - OM MANI PADME HUM, printed many millions or billions of times on paper or microfilm. When the wheel is turned the energy of the prayers inside spreads throughout the universe.

It is said in the collected writings of Karma Pagsha:

*"When the great wheel OM MANI PADME HUM is moved by the wind, all sentient beings who are touched by the wind and all those migrators abiding in the direction of the wind will be liberated from the suffering of the lower realms. When you place the prayer wheel in the fire, any sentient being who smells the smoke and all those migrators who see the light of the fire will be liberated from the lower realms. If you place the prayer wheel on the earth, all those migratory beings who are touched by the dust and the sentient beings abiding in that ground will be liberated from the sufferings of the lower realms. If you place the prayer wheel in water, all those sentient beings abiding and drinking the water will be liberated from the sufferings of the lower realms."*

#### **Objectives**

The purpose of the Prayer Wheel Fund is to provide the resources for the creation of prayer wheels around the world, as directed by Lama Zopa Rinpoche. The prayer wheels are built with the aim to increase compassion and healing in the world and for the benefit of all sentient beings. This Fund aims to build over 100,000 large prayer wheels higher than 6ft, as well as some prayer wheels being placed under the ocean.

#### **Benefits**

The benefits of prayer wheels are inconceivable, as they are filled with many millions or billions of the Compassionate Buddha mantra - OM MANI PADME HUM.

Lama Zopa Rinpoche has said that by turning the prayer wheel it blesses all sentient beings in the area, even the insects on the ground. By turning the prayer wheel and reciting mantras, it becomes a

quick way to enlighten one self and others. Even just by turning the wheel one time you get the same benefit as having done many years of retreat in just a few seconds. By turning the prayer wheel you can purify so much negative karma and collect skies of merits. This is because you receive the blessings from the heart of Compassionate Buddha, so it is a quick way of developing compassion and to bring all sentient beings to enlightenment.

**Operations**

The Prayer Wheel Fund is a project of FPMT Inc. and is administered by FPMT International Office located in Portland, Oregon, United States. The annual budget of the Fund is currently estimated at \$USD5,000. All donations made to the Fund are tax-deductible within the United States in accordance with IRS Code article 501(c)(3) to the extent allowed by law.

For further information about FPMT and the Prayer Wheel Fund, please visit

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