

SERA JEY LAWA KHANGTSEN WORLD PEACE TOUR

INVITES US TO BECOME PEACEMAKERS



TIBETAN MONKS OF LAWA KHANGTSEN

BEING PEACE AND TEACHING PEACE THROUGH
SAND MANDALA MEDITATION

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BODHICITTA IS THE HEART AND CAUSE OF PEACE



The Lawa Khangtsen World Peace Tour is offered in the spirit of bodhicitta—the awakened heart that wishes all beings to be free from suffering and to know true happiness. In the Buddhist tradition, bodhicitta is the heart of nonviolence, giving rise to compassion and care for all beings.

Through lectures, sand mandalas, art, meditation and dialogue, the tour examines the inner causes of conflict, our own anger, fear, and ignorance—and shows how true peace begins with the cultivation and active expression of Bodhicitta

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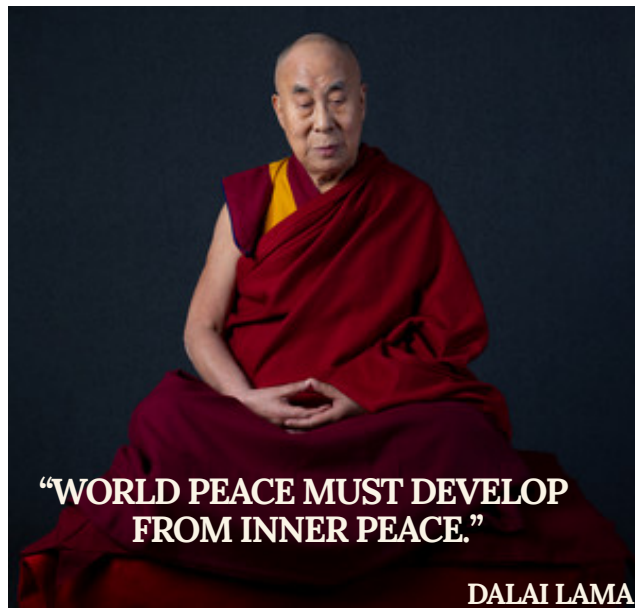
Lawa Khangtsen is part of Sera Jey Monastic University, one of the principal centers of learning in the Gelug tradition of Tibetan Buddhism. Sera Jey, is organized into individual temples called Khangtsen, literally “houses.”

After the upheaval in Tibet in 1959, Sera Jey Monastery was reestablished in south India. Lawa Khangtsen continued it’s lineage with remarkable resilience. Despite great challenges, the monks rebuilt their community and preserved their teachings, practices and values ensuring that this tradition of inner and outer peace would endure.

However, the need continues even today. Monks arrive from occupied Tibet and wish to study and stay at Lawa Khangtsen. Additional classrooms, an enlarged library and hostel rooms are urgently needed. The tour will help fulfill this need.

His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama has encouraged Geshe Tashi Lama and his team of six monks to reach beyond their monastery and into the global community. They are sponsored by Lion’s Roar Dharma Center in Sacramento, California, co-founded in 1992 by Lama Yeshe Jinpa and his Lawa Khangtsen teacher, Lharampa Geshe Lobsang Gyatso.

CULTIVATING PEACE NONVIOLENCE AND RECONCILIATION



The Lawa Khangtsen World Peace Tour, nonviolence and Reconciliation Tour is an educational and experiential offering designed to teach peacemaking & reconciliation skills. Sacred sand mandalas, Buddhist philosophical teachings, meditation instruction, and dialogue are woven together to help guests examine the causes of conflict and bring much needed healing into a hurting world.

The tour is rooted in Buddhist tradition yet presented in an accessible way. It is suited for educational institutions, established community programs, dharma centers, retreat centers, and more.

It is a living and practical expression of great love that asks an essential question: How can we be peacemakers in an increasingly complex world? How can we stay inspired? The purpose of the tour is to train peacemakers with the idea that each of us can make a difference.

The tour will be supported by Geshe Tashi Lama & his team of Lawa Khangtsen monastics, Lama Yeshe Jinpa of Lions Roar Dharma Center, Professor Thupten Tendhar of University of Rhode Island, senior students, and other friends from the greater community. As His Holiness the Dalai Lama reminds us, “World peace must develop from inner peace.”

BEING PEACEMAKERS

CORE RESOURCES OF TOUR



Book Resources on Peace, Joy, and Compassion

- The Book of Joy — The Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, with Douglas Abrams
- Ethics for the New Millennium — The Dalai Lama
- No Future Without Forgiveness — Desmond Tutu

Film Resource for the Workshop

Primary Film Resource

Mission: Joy: Finding Happiness in Troubled Times

A film Produced by Peggy Callahan centered on the friendship and shared wisdom of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Selected clips may be used to support reflection on inner peace, resilience, compassion, reconciliation, and joy in the midst of suffering.

Themes Supported by the Film Clips

- Joy in the midst of hardship
- Compassion as a response to suffering
- Reconciliation and healing
- Nonviolence and the transformation of the heart
- Being peacemakers in a wounded world

A PEACE MANDALA



the mandala is sacred art. It is a training in the qualities of a true peacemaker: patience, care, concentration, humility, and compassion. As the monks create the mandala grain by grain, they offer a living teaching on how peace is built — gently, intentionally, and from the inside out. The mandala reminds us that lasting peace in the world begins with the cultivation of peace within the human heart.

Offered as a blessing for all beings, the mandala is a living meditation that invites each viewer to reflect on their own capacity to become a peacemaker in a troubled world. Through beauty, prayer, and contemplative presence, this sacred tradition opens a space for healing, reconciliation, and the awakening of a more peaceful way of being.

Proceeds from Tour will Help Build

International Peace Library



The future Lawa Khangtsen Peace Library will house and preserve ancient Buddhist texts, including shastras, sutras, and tantras. It is envisioned as a place where the wisdom of the past is brought into the future through technology, expanding access for study, reflection, and shared inquiry.

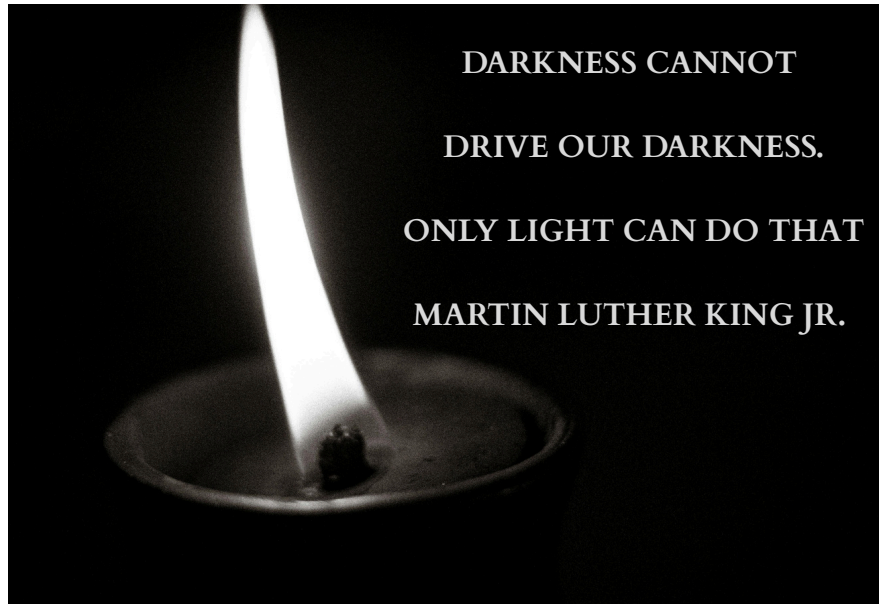
The library will serve as a space for international seminars, conferences, private scholarship, and contemplation. This is a meaningful and far-reaching project, and it will require the support of many to bring it to fruition. Your help is deeply needed.

Hostels



There is a growing housing shortage for the monks, and new housing is urgently needed. Proceeds from the tour will support the expansion of our hostels so that the monks have adequate space for daily living, study, and practice.

Being a Peacemaker



Lama Yeshe Jinpa and Lion's Roar Dharma Center are sponsoring the Lawa Khangtsen World Peace Tour: How to Become a Peacemaker through Lion's Roar's Sustainable Service Program. This community-based training initiative helps people cultivate the inner qualities, practical skills, and compassionate commitment needed to serve as peacemakers in everyday life.

The aim of the tour is to help individuals and communities explore how lasting peace begins within and can be nurtured through compassion, dialogue, reconciliation, and shared responsibility.

It is intended as a participatory, engaged, and performative exchange that brings people together through dialogue, sacred presence, reflection, and shared experience. In this way, each event becomes a living collaboration dedicated to peace, understanding, and the benefit of all beings.

Hosts can anticipate:

- A sacred sand mandala as peace meditation in action
- Open dialogue on reconciliation and healing division
- Community conversations that welcome diverse perspectives
- Teachings on peaceful nonviolent communication from a Buddhist perspective
- Meditation instruction for cultivating inner peace
- A peace walk and mandala dissolution ceremony

Being Peace Mandala Meditation



Green Tara



Chenrezig



Medicine Buddha



Manjushri

Hosts of the Lawa Khangtsen Tour can expect a flexible five to six day program centered on peace, nonviolence, and reconciliation. The visit begins with opening blessings, protector prayers, and introductory remarks, Lama Dance, Sacred Music along with the start of the sacred sand mandala, which is typically constructed each day from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

On selected evenings, hosts may also offer Becoming a Peacemaker talks or meditation instruction from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. The tour generally concludes in the late afternoon of the final day with a Closing Ceremony, Mandala Dissolution, and Walk for Peace, followed by the offering of the blessed sand to a local waterway. The exact schedule can be adapted to fit the needs, vision, and rhythm of each host venue.

Sacred Arts for Peace

Lama Dance and Music



As part of the Lawa Khangtsen World Peace Tour, sacred lama dance and traditional monastic music may be offered in support of the tour's peacebuilding mission.

These offerings are not simply cultural performances. Within the Tibetan Buddhist tradition, lama dance and ritual music are embodied forms of teaching, meditation, and blessing. Through movement, sound, symbolism, and discipline, they communicate core values of compassion, wisdom, interdependence, and the transformation of conflict.

These sacred arts create a powerful bridge between contemplative practice, cultural preservation, religious studies, performance, and peace education. They invite audiences to consider how art can become a vehicle for nonviolence, healing, and ethical responsibility.

Offered by monks of Sera Jey Lawa Khangtsen, the dance and music support the larger purpose of the World Peace Tour: to cultivate inner peace as a foundation for outer peace, and to inspire communities to become peacemakers in a troubled world.

Being Peacemakers in Troubled Times



*World peace must develop from inner peace.
Peace is not just mere absence of violence.
Peace is, I think, the manifestation of
human compassion.*

- Dalai Lama

Reconciliation, Nonviolence, and Peace: Being Peacemakers

A Two-Evening Workshop in the Presence of the Sand Mandala

As part of the Sand Mandala Tour, this two-evening workshop draws on the wisdom of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu through selected film clips and readings. Inspired by Mission: Joy and Desmond Tutu's teachings, these evenings invite participants to explore inner peace, compassion, healing, and the calling of being peacemakers as living responses to suffering. Held in the sacred atmosphere of the sand mandala, the workshop offers a contemplative space where film, reflection, dialogue, and silence come together in support of personal and collective peace.

Evening One: Inner Peace in Troubled Times

The first evening centers on the possibility of inner peace even in the midst of pain, uncertainty, and conflict. Using selected clips from the film, participants are invited to reflect on joy, compassion, resilience, and the strength of the human heart. Discussion may explore how inner peace is not an escape from suffering, but a way of meeting life with greater courage, tenderness, and wisdom.

Evening Two: Reconciliation as a Path to Freedom

The second evening focuses on reconciliation as a path of healing and liberation. Drawing from selected readings and clips, participants are invited to reflect on reconciliation not as forgetting or excusing harm, but as a courageous movement of the heart that can free us from bitterness, restore dignity, and strengthen us in being peacemakers. In the presence of the mandala, this evening also invites reflection on interdependence, the awakening of bodhicitta, and the dedication of peace for the benefit of all beings.

What Hosts Receive



- Meaningful educational content for religion, philosophy, art history, Asian studies, peace studies, and interfaith audiences.
- Flexible formats ranging from a short blessing or lecture to a multi-day mandala residency.
- A program that speaks to peacemaking, healing, nonviolence, and community Connection in a direct and accessible way.
- A visually compelling public program centered on peace, education, sacred art, contemplation, and cultural exchange.

Ideal Host Settings

- Universities and colleges
- Museums, galleries, and cultural centers
- Retreat Centers
- Private Homes
- Dharma centers Interfaith councils
- Peace organizations
- Public libraries, civic venues, and community arts spaces

What Hosts Provide



Meals

Housing

Publicity

Transportation

- Supportive space for educational, cultural and spiritual offering
- Fundraising for Lawa Khangtsen monastery Library / Hostel construction project.
- Publicity and local outreach
- Housing for six monastics for five to seven day
- Meals during the stay
- General hospitality and on-site support
- Organizing volunteers to assist throughout the visit
- Help with transportation and daily logistics as needed

Meet the Lawa Khangtsen Peace Team



VENERABLE TASHI LAMA GESHE OF BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY

In 1995, Ven Geshe Tashi Lama joined Sera Jey Monasteries in India for his Geshe degree. For the Geshe degree, very few candidates get selected on merit basis. He completed his higher studies in the Five Major Treatises -Valid Cognition, Perfection of Wisdom Studies, Madhyamika, Monastic Discipline and Phenomenology by 2014 and got selected for Geshe studies. In 2019, he got his Mphil degree in Buddhist Philosophy. Thereafter he had undergone a full year of Tantric studies and practices at Gyuto Monastery, Dharamshala with specialization training in Mandala and its rituals. Thereafter he completed 6 months internal Tantric practices in 2021 at the Sera. He had a wide range of monastic administrative services and project implementation experiences within the monastery. In the year 2022, he was duly elected to the monastic assembly where all core policy decisions are being made. While as a member, he represented monastery and Khangtsen in several important foreign tours which included South East Asian Buddhist countries such as Vietnam, Taiwan, Laos etc.. He has given various public lectures and teaching on Budha Dhamma. In 2024, the LawaKhangtsen assembly elected him to lead the Khangtsen for the next three years for its welfare and development administration.



VENERABLE LOBSANG TSULTRIM LHARAMPA GESHE

In 1996, Ven. Geshe Lharampa Lobsang Tsultrim joined Sera Jey Monastery, where he undertook many years of rigorous training in Buddhist philosophy and dialectics. In 2019, he completed the full Geshe curriculum and was awarded the Geshe Lharampa degree, the highest academic degree in the Geluk tradition of Tibetan Buddhism. His studies included the Five Major Treatises: Valid Cognition, Perfection of Wisdom, Madhyamika, Monastic Discipline, and Phenomenology. Following the completion of his philosophical studies, he undertook tantric training at Gyuto Tantric Monastery, where he received specialized instruction in mandala construction and ritual practices. He has broad experience teaching Buddhist philosophy and practice to both younger monks and lay communities. Since 2022, he has served as a teaching and examination faculty member at Sera Jey Monastery, helping to educate and train the next generation of monastic scholars.



VENERABLE JAMPA DHONDEN LHARAMPA GESHE

In 1998, Ven. Geshe Jampa Dhonden came and joined Sera Jey Lawa Khangtsen for his monastic education. Over the next twenty-one years, he completed both foundational and advanced studies in Buddhist philosophy and dialectics as a fully ordained monk. In 2019, he was selected to enter the Geshe Lharampa degree program, and in 2025 he successfully completed all examinations in Pramana, Vinaya, Abhidharma, and all levels of Madhyamika, thereby earning the Geshe Lharampa degree. Following this achievement, he undertook one year of tantric study at Gyuto Tantric Monastery, with specialization in mandala construction and ritual ceremony. Since the beginning of 2026, he has served as resident Geshe and teacher of Sera Jey in Gangtok. Among his notable distinctions, he ranked first in his class in 2002 and again in 2004 in Madhyamika studies among Sera Jey candidates, and he has participated in numerous national and international seminars.



VENERABLE YESHE GYALTSO LHARAMPA GESHE

In 1999, Ven. Geshe Lharampa Yeshe Gyaltson was admitted to Sera Jey Monastery, where he undertook the full course of philosophical and scholastic training in Buddhist studies. In 2023, he completed the Geshe curriculum and was awarded the Geshe Lharampa degree, the highest academic degree in Buddhist philosophy in the Geluk tradition. His studies included Valid Cognition, Perfection of Wisdom, Madhyamika, Monastic Discipline, and Phenomenology. In addition to his traditional monastic training, he pursued specialized studies in Buddhist science and Buddhist psychology through Emory University. He also completed tantric studies with specialized training in mandala construction and ritual practice. These combined qualifications have enabled him to participate in numerous national and international events, ceremonies, and public programs within a wide range of Buddhist and educational settings.



. VENERABLE LOBSANG DONYOE LHARAMPA GESHE

In 1999, Ven. Geshe Lharampa Lobsang Dhonyoe enrolled at Sera Jey Monastery, where he devoted many years to the rigorous study of Buddhist philosophy and dialectics. In 2023, he completed the Geshe curriculum and was awarded the Geshe Lharampa degree. His academic training included the Five Major Treatises: Valid Cognition, Perfection of Wisdom, Madhyamika, Monastic Discipline, and Phenomenology. Following the completion of these studies, he undertook one year of tantric training at Gyuto Tantric Monastery, where he specialized in mandala construction and ritual practices. In addition to his scholastic accomplishments, he has taken on important responsibilities in the guidance and support of monastic education. He is currently entrusted with overseeing the studies of monastic students, helping to strengthen their academic progress and formation within the monastery. His work reflects both scholarly achievement and devoted service to the monastic community.

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VENERABLE TSERING DHONDUP GESHE OF BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY

Ven. Geshe Tsering Dhondup received his initial ordination and early language education at a village monastery before making the difficult journey into exile in 1998. In 1999, he joined Sera Jey Monastery in India to continue his monastic studies. Over the years, he completed the Geshe curriculum in the principal subjects of Valid Cognition, Perfection of Wisdom, Madhyamika, Monastic Discipline, and Phenomenology, and in 2022 he was awarded the MPhil degree in Buddhist Philosophy. In 2024, he completed tantric studies and training at Gyuto Tantric Monastery, specializing in mandala construction and ritual practice. Alongside his academic work, he has held a variety of administrative responsibilities within the monastic community, including serving Khen Rinpoche for one year. He also brings valuable experience in monastery service and religious training. At present, he is engaged in a six-month period of monastic tantric practice at Sera Jey, continuing his spiritual and ritual formation.

Founder of Lion's Roar Dharma Center Lharampa Geshe Lobsang Gyatso



1932-1998

The Sera Jey Lawa Khangtsen Peace Tour is intimately meaningful for Lion's Roar Dharma Center because of our Spiritual Directory, Lama Yeshe Jinpa's profound connection to his teacher, Lharampa Geshe Lobsang Gyatso (Geshe Yodron) of Sera Jey Lawa Khangtsen, with whom he co-founded Lion's Roar Dharma Center in 1992.

The World Peace Tour reflects Geshe Yodron's life vision. He placed deep emphasis on the Temple of the heart-mind. Geshe Yodron reminded students that inner peace is the ground of outer peace.

Geshe Yodron was born in Tibet in 1932. He received full training as a lama, taught at Sera Jey Monastery in both Tibet and India, and later spent twelve years teaching in the United States, where he was especially connected with the Kalachakra teachings.

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Lama Yeshe Jinpa

Lama Yeshe Jinpa (Stephen Bryant Walker, LMFT) is an American Buddhist teacher, psychotherapist, and community leader whose life's work has been dedicated to healing, spiritual practice, and compassionate service. Based in Sacramento, California, he serves as the Spiritual Director and resident teacher of Lion's Roar Dharma Center, which he co-founded with Geshe Losang Gyatso in 1992. Lion's Roar's was established as a nonprofit in 1998. He received direct lineage transmission from his teacher Lawa Khangtsen Geshe Losang Gyatso in 1995. He is one of the few Western lamas recognized within the Gelug lineage of Tibetan Buddhism.

His path into Buddhism began early and was shaped by both personal experience and deep curiosity. According to his published biography, his interest in Buddhist life was influenced by his grandmother's library of Buddhist books, an important high school teacher, and a formative trip to Japan at the age of fifteen. He later moved to Boulder, where he studied with Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche, with whom he first took Refuge. He attended the Buddhist Studies Program at Naropa from 1975 to 1980 and also undertook Zen training with Kyozan Joshu Sasaki Roshi, helping to establish a Zen center in Boulder. These early experiences gave his life and teaching a breadth that continues to be felt in the warmth, openness, and depth of his work today.

Lama Jinpa's teaching reflect both strong lineage grounding and a wide-hearted, nonsectarian spirit. His approach is rooted in the Gelug tradition in the spirit of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama. It is rooted in tradition, but always directed toward the real needs of people's lives. His leadership at Lion's Roar includes many years of teachings, retreats, classes, recordings, and community guidance.

Alongside his life as a dharma teacher, Lama Jinpa has also devoted himself to the work of inner healing. He is the founder of Middleway Health and Middle Way Health Foundation with a focus on the integration of psychotherapy, mindfulness, loving-kindness, nonjudgmental awareness, and contemplative practice. Middleway Health is a psychotherapy practice for healing, creativity, and growth. Middle Way Health Foundation, his nonprofit organization offers free one on one psychotherapy, supports three weekly recovery groups and a weekly grief group.

Lama Yeshe Jinpa has never separated spiritual practice from human care. He has lived a life of service. Beyond his psychotherapy practice and work as a dharma teacher, Lama Jinpa has served as a prison chaplain at Folsom Prison, offered support for people whose voices are often unheard, and provided a platform for artists called Expressions, a monthly event devoted to art in all its forms as a source of healing. His work makes him not only a respected teacher, but also a person whose life expresses the deeper purpose of the World Peace Tour: to bring healing, inner transformation, and peace into the lives of real people and real communities.

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Sera Jey Lawa Khangtsen World Peace Tour Advisor

Dr. Thupten Tendhar

Dr. Thupten Tendhar is a Tibetan Buddhist scholar, educator, and peace practitioner whose life and work bring together classical Buddhist training, academic study, and a deep commitment to nonviolence. Born to Tibetan parents, he entered Drepung Loseling Monastery in South India at the age of twelve and remained there for more than eighteen years, completing the rigorous course of study that led to the Geshe degree in Buddhist philosophy. He later continued his education in the United States, earning both a Master of Arts in Education and a Ph.D. in Education from the University of Rhode Island, where his doctoral work focused on compassion and inner peace.

At the University of Rhode Island, Dr. Tendhar has become a respected leader in peace education and nonviolence training through the Center for Nonviolence & Peace Studies. He serves as Director of the International Nonviolence Summer Institute and is a certified Level 3 Kingian Nonviolence Trainer. In these roles, he has taught, led workshops, and trained both students and international practitioners in the philosophy and practice of Kingian nonviolence, helping bring the values of compassion, inner peace, reconciliation, and conflict transformation into educational and public settings. URI has also publicly recognized his work through the Martin Luther King Jr. Peacemaker Award, honoring his contributions to peace studies and his leadership in Kingian nonviolence training.

What makes Dr. Tendhar especially valuable to the Sera Jey Lawa Khangtsen World Peace Tour is the way he naturally bridges worlds that are too often kept separate: monastic scholarship and university life, inner transformation and social action, contemplative depth and public engagement. His presence brings not only academic and spiritual credibility, but also the lived experience of someone who has dedicated his life to peace in both study and practice. Through his teaching, training, and leadership, he helps embody the very qualities the tour hopes to cultivate and share: wisdom, compassion, courage, and a meaningful path toward peace.

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