

Drong Ngur Jangchubling Finances FAQ

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Q. Do you pay salaries or stipends for anyone at Drong Ngur Jangchubling?

A. No, there is no paid staff of Drong Ngur Jangchubling.

Q. What are the monthly expenses of the center? How much are the expenses?

A. The monthly expenses of the center are for basic utilities (such as water, electricity and insurance) and for Drupon Rinpoche's health insurance and health care costs. There is no mortgage on the property.

These expenses cost around \$660.00 to \$700.00 per month and are the bare minimum of funds required to keep the center open. If you would like to review an example of our monthly expenses, please see our Example Expense Report. Our Treasurer is also available to answer your questions regarding the center's funds via email.

Q. What items are not covered by the center?

A. Below is a list of items which are not covered by Drong Ngur as monthly expenses. While Drong Ngur wishes to offer this care to our resident Lama (Drupon Thinley Ningpo Rinpoche) we currently do not have the available funds.

- Daily items and sundries for Resident Lama
- Food budget for the Resident Lama
- Improved medical insurance and misc. medical items for Resident Lama
- All airfare for Resident Lama
- Stipend for Resident Lama
- Fund growth for center's emergency account- currently operating at a loss

Q. Do you receive recurring monthly donations now? How much are the donations?

A. Yes, we receive some monthly donations which total around \$335.00 per month. We also receive varying donations during weekly practices. This leaves us with a shortfall of approximately \$325.00 per month. Due to the shortfall we are taking the remaining funds from the savings account.

Q. What about the donations or tuition received during teaching events? Don't those pay for the center's expenses?

A. The tuition we receive for teaching events or retreats covers the cost of the visiting teacher's travel and related expenses for the center. The remainder is offered to the teacher. Some events operate at a net loss for the center while others create a small surplus.

While tuition is generally \$40.00 per day, not everyone who attends pays at this rate. Typically for teaching events, the average brought in is only around \$9.00 per person instead of the full \$40.00. This imbalance does not permit us to cover our monthly expenses.

Q. If the teachings and retreat events don't raise enough funds, how will the center remain open?

A. At this time the center is running primarily on a small amount of savings in addition to the monthly donations. However, as our expenses are greater than the in-flow of funds this savings account will be depleted.

We are seeking monthly patron support to ensure Drong Ngur Jangchubling remains open and continues to serve as a Dharma center for everyone. Having our monthly costs met means that the board, officers, and spiritual director can focus on improving the center and organizing Dharma programs.

Q. How can I set up a monthly donation?

A. We currently have two methods: 1. using the bill pay method of your online bank and 2. via Paypal. You may also mail a check directly to our Treasurer.