

Lama Yeshe Wisdom Archive Report to Members *September 2007*

Program Summary

In June 2003, we launched our membership program. As was set out in our five year plan (<http://www.lamayeshe.com/about/5yrplan.pdf>) our intention was to find 600 members who would contribute a total of \$600,000 (US\$1,000 per member) in order to fund a team of editors to prepare and publish Lama Yeshe's and Lama Zopa Rinpoche's teachings. The ultimate goal is to make the teachings from these rare and precious lamas available to as many people as possible, all over the world.



Below is an accounting of what the program has raised to date, along with expenses related to the Membership program, as outlined in the five-year plan:

Income:	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007 (Projected)	Total
Number of new full members	71	174	104	55	35	439
Membership payments received	40,400	119,300	96,900	45,800	38,000	\$340,400
Memberships pledged, not yet paid	n/a	44,900	43,000	38,900	20,000	
Expenses:						
Lama Yeshe Editor #1	5,800	12,000	12,000	13,600	14,400	57,800
Lama Yeshe Editor #2	<i>Not hired</i>					
Lama Zopa Rinpoche Editor #1	9,600	12,000	10,500			32,100
Lama Zopa Rinpoche Editor #2	1,500	5,100	1,600			8,200
Lama Zopa Rinpoche Editor #3		20,900	12,200	12,300		45,400
Lama Zopa Rinpoche Editor #4		7,500	12,000	12,000	3,000	34,500
Audio editor (<i>beginning May 2007</i>)					7,500	7,500
Overhead (admin & technical, books & postage, payroll taxes, equipment, etc.)	21,000	36,000	36,000	36,000	36,000	165,000
Total Expenses	37,900	93,500	84,300	73,900	60,900	\$350,500

Notes: Full membership payments from our members in Singapore and Malaysia equaled less than US\$1,000 due to exchange rates. Also, early in our membership drive we offered partial memberships in Singapore (one year, two-year, and student level); the funds raised at these levels (US\$2,600) are included in the totals above, though the number of these members (43) is not included in the total number of members.

Goals and Accomplishments

As shown above, we have fallen short of the \$600,000 goal put forth in the five-year plan. As a result, we were not able to hire and sustain all of the editors proposed in the plan. Nonetheless, we can rejoice in what our Members' generosity has enabled us to accomplish. According to the plan, the work of these editors supported by the membership program would have enabled us to:

▪ **PRODUCE TWO TO FOUR BOOKS PER YEAR FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION:**

During this time period we published 5 new free titles:

Peaceful Stillness of the Silent Mind – Lama Yeshe (2004)
Teachings From Tibet – Various great lamas (2005)
Ego, Attachment & Liberation – Lama Yeshe (2006)
Joy of Compassion – Lama Zopa Rinpoche (2006)
The Kindness of Others – Geshe Jampa Tegchok (2006)

We also redesigned and reprinted 4 of our most popular titles.

Becoming Your Own Therapist / Make Your Mind an Ocean – Lama Yeshe (Reprint, 2003)
Virtue & Reality – Lama Zopa Rinpoche (Reprint, 2004)
Essence of Tibetan Buddhism – Lama Yeshe (Reprint, 2005)
Peaceful Stillness of the Silent Mind – Lama Yeshe (Reprint, 2006)

We now have nearly 400,000 free books in circulation, something we can all rejoice about.

▪ **PUBLISH THOUSANDS MORE PAGES OF TEACHINGS ON OUR WEB SITE:**

In addition to the free books being available for download on our website, the number of teachings available has grown significantly. Two of our Lama Zopa Rinpoche editors focused their time on editing Rinpoche's teachings given during annual Kopan courses. The transcripts from 15 month-long courses were checked, edited and prepared for publication on our website. As a result, the transcripts from 12 of these courses have been published online, some in our Members' Only Area, and the rest for public access. These courses alone comprise thousands of pages of teachings.

Another of our editors focused on editing the various advices that Rinpoche has given over the years, in response to students' questions. This has resulted in the publication of hundreds of these advices in our *Online Advice Book*. There are nearly 450 advices posted.

In total, we have over 15,000 pages of teachings available for searching, reading and downloading through our website.

In addition, during this time period we launched our *Online Recordings Page*, which now offers nearly 50 teachings which can be listened to online. Many audio teachings are posted with the accompanying transcript. Also, in mid-2007 we hired a professional audio editor, to improve the quality of the recordings (primarily Rinpoche's) and prepare them for publication.

▪ **PUBLISH MORE OF LAMA YESHE'S AND LAMA ZOPA RINPOCHE'S TEACHINGS THROUGH WISDOM PUBLICATIONS:**

In 2007, Wisdom Publications published Lama Zopa Rinpoche's advice book, *Dear Lama Zopa*. While we have not been able to provide more manuscripts to Wisdom for publication, we have laid the groundwork for future projects.

In addition to editing Kopan courses for publication on the website, each teaching was also broken up and categorized by lam-rim topic, and stored in individual files. These individual files form the basis of the books of Rinpoche's teachings that have been proposed, such as a full-length lam-rim commentary, and other commentaries on lam-rim preliminaries and practices. This is an extensive collection comprised of hundreds of files.

▪ **COMPLETE THE TRANSCRIPTION OF TEACHINGS:**

The plan did not designate funds for the training and hiring of transcribers. As transcribing is a challenging job, we have since found it difficult to maintain a group of skilled volunteers dedicated to this task. Future plans will allow for the development of a team of paid transcribers, who can make significant progress in this area. At present, nearly 60% of the teachings in the Archive have been fully or partially transcribed.

The Final Years

With incoming funds from new and continuing members, we will continue to focus on publishing through our web site, where the teachings can reach the widest audience. We will post the remainder of the edited Kopan courses, along with other of Rinpoche's lam-rim courses. And, with the addition of a professional audio editor, we will steadily increase the publication of audio recordings. We are grateful to all of you who continue to support us in this way.

The Membership program was an ambitious program with goals of raising money up-front to hire a team of editors to publish more of the lamas teachings for the benefit of all. As we enter the last year of the program, with just over half of the money raised, we can rejoice in what the kindness of our Members has enabled us to accomplish: hundreds of thousands of free books in circulation, increased access through our website of many thousands of pages of teachings and audio, and thousands of pages of Rinpoche's lam-rim teachings and general advices edited and prepared for future publication. Thank you all so much for your kindness.

Please Note: The above report is intended to track the donations and activities related only to the Membership program, and therefore does not encompass the myriad other activities of the Archive, including: sponsored book projects, DVD production, archive storage, management and access, database maintenance and development, the Photo Archive, fundraising, book distribution, donation processing and order fulfillment, administrative functions, and more, all supported by the kindness of our benefactors and sponsors, to whom we are eternally grateful. For a financial summary encompassing all of the Archive's activities, please see http://www.lamayeshe.com/about/fin_review_2006.pdf.

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