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2025 SUMMARY



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This year has been incredibly productive thanks to the hard work of Lama Justin and the Yangti team as well as the steady support of you, the sangha, in terms of energy, labor and generosity. We have exceeded many of the goals that we set for ourselves and have been able to rise to the occasion to address unexpected challenges as well.



It has been moving to witness the momentum of the work accomplished thus far, and we feel at the ready to keep going with all that lay ahead. Your continued support and dedication to helping us to see all of this through to completion is a source of endless gratitude.

As we enter into the giving season and year-end, we want to share updates about the impact of our collective efforts in 2025 and invite you to help us meet our projected goals for 2026.

Through 2025, we surpassed many milestones as an organization, accomplishing our 2024 goals and more. With the insurmountable support we have received thus far, we are proud to share all we have accomplished with your support and practice.



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DEVELOPING OUR SPIRITUAL HOME In April of 2024, we successfully purchased a 66-acre property for the Yangti Yoga Retreat Center, situated in Buckland, Massachusetts. This property is a quiet, wooded retreat place that in the past had served as a retreat property for followers of Namkai Norbu and is next to the property where Namakai Norbu Rinpoche revealed a terma. The land feels very powerful and sacred and is home to bears, deer, porcupines, owls, hawks and many other animals. We have been slowly listening to what the land can hold and have developed a master plan to manifest the full retreat center that we envision.

Over the course of 2025, we have begun implementing this master plan. Some of our accomplishments include:

- Built a dark-retreat room in the main cabin, which was used by Lama Justin in late February 2025 for a two-week dark retreat and in which seven other dark retreats have occurred during the year.
- Built a meditation shrine-room and installed a 3-foot, gilt Yuthok Yonten Gonpo statue, which was custom-made by skilled artisans in Patan, Nepal.
- Replaced the septic tank for one of our free-standing cabins, which is a dedicated dark retreat cabin that we have named the *Dungtso Repa Dark Retreat Cabin* after the tertön Dungtso Repa, who revealed the root terma associated with Yangti Nakpo.
- Replaced the roof, addressed landscaping (clearing trees, mitigating soil drainage issues), installed all-year weather-proofing, installed new plumbing, updated the wiring, installed new floors and installed proper ventilation for a sealed dark-retreat cabin.
- Laid the initial gravel foundation for an outdoor Palden Lhamo Dudsolma and Ekajati shrine and received custom, carved-stone statues of Palden Lhamo Dudsolma and Ekajati from an artisan in Patan, Nepal.
- Located the site and installed posts for a vegetable garden and a separate herb garden.
- Located the site of a separate parking area to be developed to reduce vehicular movement on the property.
- Surveyed with an architect the locations for three additional dark-retreat cabins and a bath facility for tents and yurts. Our septic engineer drafted and submitted septic plans to the county offices. Currently under review.





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YANGTI NAKPO COLLABORATION WITH H.E. CHUNG TULKU CHUNG RINPOCHE

In 2025, we began what has been a very rich relationship with Chung Rinpoche, a Bhutanese lineage holder of the Yangti Nakpo, a terma cycle focusing on Yangti practice (dark retreat practice) revealed by Dungtso Repa in the 15th century. This connection culminated in a pilgrimage to Bhutan to meet with Chung Rinpoche and receive the transmission for the Yangti Nakpo Ngondro. At the end of the year, Lama Justin and a great group of people will go on the 2nd Yangti Nakpo Pilgrimage to Bhutan with Chung Rinpoche. Rinpoche will confer the 1st empowerment from this precious terma cycle and offer transmissions connected to the Yangti Nakpo Cycle.

YANGTI + THE RUBIN, TRYCICLE, THE NEW YORK TIMES

This year has been yet another one of meaningful collaboration with the Rubin Museum, *Tricycle* Magazine and *The New York Times*. In 2025, we collaborated with Tim McHenry from the Rubin Museum at the 3rd Annual Conference for the International Society for Contemplative Research in Chapel Hill, NC. We are very happy that our relationship with *Tricycle* has led to very meaningful collaborations and that *The New York Times* published an incredible piece about the dark retreats we are facilitating at the retreat center.

WISDOM AND GURU VIKING PODCASTS

This year, Lama Justin returned to the Guru Viking Podcast with Dr. Caroline Van Dam, in which they had an interesting conversation about Dark Retreat and Psychosis. Lama Justin and Daniel Aitken also met to record an episode of the Wisdom Podcast on Dark Retreat.

CPE PROGRAM

Together with Amelia Catone, a certified Clinical Pastoral Education Educator, we are progressing toward launching a fully accredited program in the first half of 2026.



2026 PLANS

ONLINE PRACTICE CONTAINERS

In 2026, we will launch a 2nd cohort of the two-year Vajrayana Spiritual Formation Class. We will also offer for the third consecutive year the year-long Ati Yoga class focusing on 3rd Karmapa Rangjung Dorje's Ati Yoga text known as the Marvelous Guide, which comes from the Karma Nyingthik. This program continues to be powerful and popular. We will also offer the Ati Yoga cycle from the Könchok Chidü terma cycle again. We also hope to offer a program focusing on Taranatha's Wish-Fulfilling Cow, an important text on Vajrayogini-related practices.

CPE PROGRAM

We are well on our way toward launching a low-residency, certified, Vajrayana-oriented CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) program. This is an incredible opportunity to impact the world of chaplaincy—especially Buddhist chaplaincy—by increasing options for people interested in pursuing chaplaincy who have a background in Vajrayana Buddhist practice. We hope to have this program in place and ready for our first cohort by May 2026. There are very few stand-alone, certified chaplaincy programs like this in the United States. We are grateful for any support earmarked for this important project. Later in 2026, we will be working towards the implementation of a program for training CPE Educators and a separate Dark Retreat training for chaplains and death doulas.

THE STUPA PROJECT

On the advice of Chung Rinpoche, we delayed beginning to build a stupa on the Yangti retreat land as this has been identified as a black (inauspicious) year. Lama Justin returned from Bhutan with some relics for this project, including some of the hair of Jetsun Shukseb Rigdzin Choying Zangmo, who was regarded as an emanation of Machig Labdron. She was an important practitioner of Yangti practice, spending as much as six months each year in Yangti practice. She was also the teacher of Dr. Nida's teacher, Ani Gyaltsen, and Lama Justin's teacher Pathing Rinpoche. In addition to her hair, he returned with relics of Trukshik Donag Lingpa and Penor Rinpoche.

ON THE LAND

Installation of a new, expanded-capacity septic system to ensure the manifestation of the master plan for the Yangti Yoga Retreat Center.

Drill a second well on the property to meet increased water usage needs.



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CABIN DEVELOPMENT

In 2026, we will renovate the preexisting cabin across from the garage, which will be known as the Shukseb Jetsun Choying Zangmo retreat cabin, and tie it into the new septic system that we intend to install in 2026.

MEDITATION HALL

This coming year, we will convert the two-story, two-car garage into a meditation hall and protector shrine. The plans have been drafted and are ready for submission to the local building department. A series of statues of the Yangti Nakpo Lineage masters is currently in production in Nepal.

PILGRIMAGE TO BHUTAN AND SIKKIM

Lama Justin is returning to Bhutan in early 2026 with a group of pilgrims to visit H.E. Chung Rinpoche. He is also travelling with a group to Sikkim on a short pilgrimage. If this Sikkim pilgrimage is successful, he will plan another, longer one to Sikkim following Bhutan in 2027



OUR GOAL

\$50,000



Through our giving season fundraising campaign, we seek to raise at least \$50,000 in donations to allocate directly toward the above-stated goals for 2026. We prioritize full transparency in this project. It is only through the network of our community that we have achieved so much, and it is only with our collective persistence that we will accomplish our intentions. As a small token of our profound gratitude, we offer the following donor gifts:

DONOR TIERS + GIFTS



TIER 1 | \$120

Receive access to an exclusive weekend teaching on the Third Karmapa, Rangjung Dorje's Mahamudra Aspiration Prayer with Lama Justin.



TIER 2 | \$500

Receive previous gift + A Dorje Gotrab Mantra protection amulet and protection cord blessed by H.E. Chung Rinpoche.



TIER 3 | \$1,500

Receive previous gifts + Enrollment in one Ati Yoga 2026 year long course of your choosing (or gifting the course to a friend).



TIER 4 | \$5,000

Receive previous gifts + enrollment in both of our 2025 year long courses, The Marvelous Guide to Actual Practice & Complete Liberation of the Three Realms (or gifting the course to a friend).



TIER 5 | \$10,000

Receive previous gifts + have your name (or the name of a loved one) memorialized on the soon to be renovated Shukseb Jetsun Choying Zangmo dark retreat cabin sponsor plaque



TIER 6 | \$25,000

Receive previous gifts + have your name (or the name of a loved one) memorialized on both the Shukseb Jetsun Choying Zangmo dark retreat cabin and the Yangti Naljor Ling mediation Hall plaques.



2026 FUNDRAISING

As an organization one of our core values is community nourishment and support. All the work that we do is in favor of the nurturing of a supportive and well-rounded container for dedicated practitioners from many paths and backgrounds to have equitable access to the teachings and practice of Yangti. Our center could not have come to fruition without the care and support of us all especially in these early years.

We prioritize transparency and mutual support in all our fundraising efforts, and of course due to our status as a religious non-profit 501(c)(3) organization all your generous offerings are fully tax deductible.

We accept a diverse range of donations through our partnership with the Giving Block which allows us to accept anything from liquid assets to stock, to crypto currency like bitcoin. Please contact us directly if you wish to make donations to our further development in another form.

We are also able to accept charitable contributions via our bank account and [Venmo](#) and [PayPal](#). We are happy to provide documentation of your support for tax purposes. If you prefer to send a check, please make the check out to Yangti Yoga Retreat Center and mail it to

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