

August 19, 2010

Dear Friends and Members of Jewel Heart,

We are asking you to consider a gift to Jewel Heart's midyear *Ensuring the Future* Campaign and to help us meet our target of \$100,000. Please also consider becoming a Jewel Heart member while making your gift if you have not yet done so. Membership supports Rimpoche, his tireless efforts to preserve Tibetan Buddhism and culture, his teachings, and his programs. Your gift and membership also moves Jewel Heart closer to being able to offer all of Rimpoche's live teachings without charge and to becoming one of the better known Western websites offering live webcasts and on line Tibetan Buddhist courses from Rimpoche's rare and extensive library of more than 2500 hours of recorded digitized teachings.

During the last six months, Rimpoche has led four teaching retreats, completed a full schedule of weekend chapter teachings and courses (completing his two year teaching of the Nyur Lam, or Swift Path), delivered numerous public talks and participated in a number of important panel discussions both in the United States and in Europe. His schedule for the remainder of the year includes teaching retreats in Asia, the Netherlands, New York and Michigan, a two week fund raising trip to India and Bhutan with Jewel Heart members as well the International Tibetan Buddhism Conference at Emory University.

Jewel Heart chapters have similarly continued to offer courses and workshops, and host visiting teachers, supporting students and those interested in benefiting from Tibetan Buddhism. For the remainder of the year, Jewel Heart, with its chapters and under Rimpoche's guidance, will focus on developing and expanding programs which appeal to and help Westerners while meeting the needs of students and others in the periods Rimpoche is not available to teach in person. Please see www.jewelheart.org for Rimpoche and the various chapters' schedules.

Looking forward, Rimpoche and Jewel Heart are directing additional resources towards more sophisticated use of technology. Work is proceeding on expanding the geographic accessibility and quality of Rimpoche's live teachings and public talks. Jewel Heart is nearing completion of the revamping of its website including a substantial visual makeover, a more streamlined and user-friendly interface and several other new resources. Simultaneously, Jewel Heart, using state of the art technology, will begin to offer on line teachings from Rimpoche's extensive archive of over 25 years of teaching in the West in English. Making the teachings available on line will benefit those that want to practice and benefit from the teachings while also contributing to the preservation of Tibetan Buddhism and culture, now under direct threat. It will also bring Rimpoche and his wisdom into contact with many around the world who have not had the opportunity to meet him in person.

Thank you for your continued support of and commitment to Rimpoche and Jewel Heart and its mission to present, preserve and distribute Rimpoche's teachings.

Your donation will be greatly appreciated and will help Jewel Heart survive and Rimpoche's important work to carry on.

In particular, Rimpoche is again requesting all those regularly listening to his teachings contribute to the success of this campaign to ensure the future of Jewel Heart.

Sincerely,



Philip Glass (on behalf of the Jewel Heart Board)

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