

Lama Lodu Rinpoche Gives the Chenrezig Initiation and Teachings, March 29th-30th 2025

Kagyudroden Kunchab, 1892 Fell St., San Francisco, CA

March 29th (Sat.) 10 AM – 12 PM: Refuge & Preliminary Part of Initiation

March 29th (Sat.) 2 PM – 4 PM – Concluding Part of the Initiation

March 30th (Sun.) 10 AM – 12 PM: Teachings on the Practice of Chenrezig

March 30th (Sun.) 2 PM – 4 PM: Conclusion of Teachings, Group Chenrezig Practice

TUITION: \$100 for KDK Members of six months or more, \$200 for Non-Members. The tuition goes directly to supporting the KDK Dharma Center and the KDK Retreat Land to ensure people have a place to receive Dharma teachings, as well as to practice them. Please register online at: http://kdk.org/event_reg.html
Please consider registering and paying online in advance. We can only accept cash on the days of teachings, no credit cards will be accepted.

Chenrezig is the embodiment of all the Buddha's compassion, appearing in the form of Avalokitesvara. He is a fully awakened Buddha, who is the embodiment of all of the Buddhas compassion. As the Buddha emphasized, compassion is one of the special methods used as the source for the Bodhicitta to arise. In the Mahayana, the Buddha taught that relatively, one needs love and compassion to all sentient beings without discrimination in order to achieve full omniscience and freedom from suffering. Basically, we all have Buddha nature, but it needs to be fertilized from an external source. Being that Avalokitesvara is the embodiment of compassion, we can fertilize our Buddha nature through the blessing of Chenrezig, and this is received through the empowerment, authorization, and commentary on how to practice from a qualified teacher with an unbroken, undefiled lineage. Through this, one's practice becomes more authentic to benefit oneself and others. Due to the request of new students, Rinpoche is giving this initiation so that all may benefit.

Lama Lodu Rinpoche was appointed resident lama of Kagyu Droden Kunchab in San Francisco by His Eminence Kalu Rinpoche and His Holiness the 16th Gyalwang Karmapa in 1976, and since then has worked tirelessly to benefit sentient beings throughout the world. He has led multiple groups of Westerners on Three Year Retreats, erected marble stupas, and gives teachings at centers spanning the entire world, from Hanoi, Vietnam to St. Louis, Missouri. His Holiness the 16th Gyalwang Karmapa once described Lama Lodu Rinpoche as "a lama who has highly developed his inner practice." Rinpoche's teachings are clear, unique, and profound, giving time for question and answers to clarify the student's understanding and ensuring they have the full capability to engage with the practice and benefit not only themselves, but all sentient beings.



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