

PRACTICE AND EDUCATION DIRECTOR
SHAMBHALA MEDITATION CENTRE OF CITY

NAMO KI

I bow before the Profound Brilliant Just Powerful All-Victorious Rigden, the omniscient Shakyamuni, the three jewels, the three roots, the glorious drala messengers of basic goodness, masters of the lineages, saints and sages of the world, and those realized beings who embody compassion and wisdom and promote enlightened society. Guide me, inspire me.

Following the command of His Sacred Majesty, the Kongma Sakyong, Mipham, Jampal Trinley Dradul Rinpoche, and the guidance of the Kalapa Council, I (*refuge name and/or Shambhala name and given name*), as Director of Practice and Education, pledge to devote myself to the vision of Shambhala. I vow to place Shambhala vision of creating enlightened society in the very center of my motivation and activities.

As a representative of the Pillar of Practice and Education and the Shambhala Office of Practice and Education, I will develop my own body, speech, and mind to be an example of the view and practices of the Shambhala dharma and commit myself to the skillful propagation of these teachings within the Shambhala Centre and beyond. As a representative of one of the Three Pillars within the Governing Council, I will respect my leaders and peers and work harmoniously with the acharyas, local or regional shastris, and other members of the leadership to propagate Shambhala vision.

I assume responsibility for the executive function of Practice and Education by supervising and supporting leaders and teachers in the consistent application of the policies and curriculum of the Pillar of Practice and Education, and it's functioning within my Shambhala Centre. I pledge to familiarize and update myself with the view and policies set out by the Sakyong, the Kalapa Acharya, and the Director of the Shambhala Office of Practice and Education and to consult with that office on a regular basis. I will be mindful that the purpose of practice and education is to inspire learning in all areas, and to inspire enlightened society.

In taking this oath, I reaffirm my vows in the three yanas of the excellent Great Eastern Sun, and commit myself to recognizing my own basic goodness, the basic goodness of others, and the basic goodness of society. I will appreciate my position and the opportunity to directly and practically help others by creating and maintaining a sane and brilliant practice and study container. Should I turn my mind from these vows and commitments, may I be swiftly removed from my position.

I pledge my loyal devotion to the Shambhala Lineage and the Lineage of Sakyongs, embodied in the Kongma Sakyong, Jampal Trinley Dradul Rinpoche.