

United States Jokhang Temple

Home to the U.S. Jowo Rinpoche Statue

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Drikung Meditation Center
Danvers, MA



Help us raise
\$639,000

Join our vision to create a home for the U.S. Jowo Rinpoche

After decades of effort and planning, the U.S. Jowo Rinpoche statue now has a permanent home in Danvers, Massachusetts. Your financial assistance is needed to secure the future of the United States Jokhang Temple for the many Tibetan Buddhists in North America and for the benefit of all beings.

The U.S. Jokhang Temple is a the culmination of Lama Konchok Sonam's vision to establish an authentic North American Jokhang Temple—a place for spiritual practice and education, a community center and living museum, and a vitally important site of pilgrimage serving members of the Tibetan community in exile and Buddhists both in the West and worldwide.



The original Jokhang Temple in Lhasa is widely held to be among the most sacred temples in all of Tibet. The Jowo Rinpoche statue, which is housed within, is likewise considered one of the most sacred objects of refuge and devotion for Tibetan Buddhists. To see it just once, it is said, guarantees an end to rebirth in the lower realms. Consequently, it is the great aspiration of many Tibetan Buddhists to make the pilgrimage to visit the Jowo once in their lifetime.





Help us make
the dream a
reality

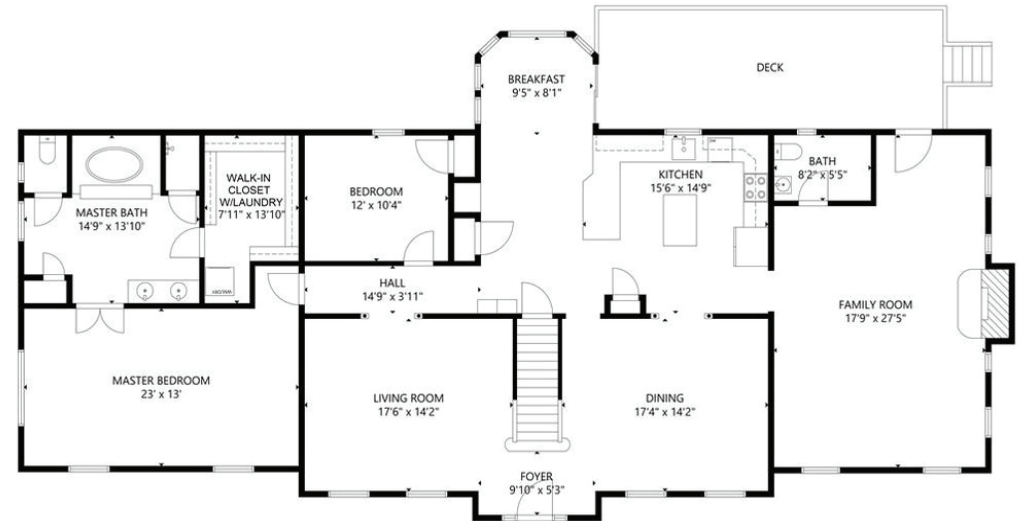
Our Capital Campaign

After years of effort and the generous support from members and friends, the DMC was able to close on our new temple property in Danvers, MA. We are so grateful!

The DMC is currently carrying a mortgage of \$639,000 from Citizen Bank, at a commercial interest rate of 3.75% fixed for five years, adjustable thereafter. This means that in five years our interest rate could go up significantly, which is a cause for concern.

Since August 1, 2021, the DMC has been paying \$4,338 monthly in mortgage, property tax, and insurance. The DMC pays another \$1000 for utilities and upkeep of the property. Being a small non-profit with limited resources and network, it can be extremely challenging to sustain a bill of \$5500 monthly. And if our interest rate suddenly increases in 2026, it will be much more difficult.

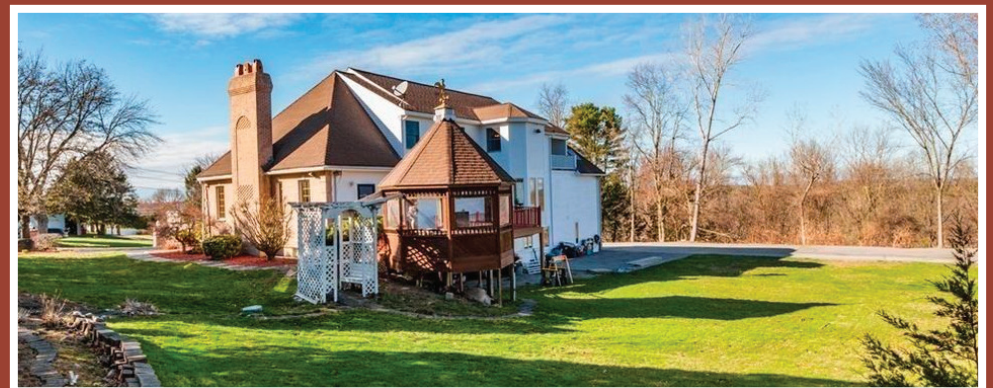
Therefore, we have launched a Capital Campaign to pay off our mortgage in five years.



With your support, we can become completely mortgage-free by 2026.
Yes, we can do this!

It is our hope that you, or someone you know, will become a patron of this historic project.

As of now, our mortgage obligation is covered by our Sustaining Membership Fund, a grass-roots campaign of individual donors committed to monthly donations. If you join the Sustaining Membership Fund and commit to a monthly donation, then we can meet our Capital Campaign goal, and be mortgage free by 2026. Emaho!





A vision in
service of all
beings

*In the words of H. E.
Garchen Rinpoche*

“The Drikung Center in Boston manifested in the West the first and only Jowo Statue—a realistic representation of the Lord who is the wish-fulfilling gem (Shakyamuni Buddha)—and the principal object of worship in Tibet, the Land of Snow. Therefore, with all due respect I rejoice in and fully support the center's ongoing efforts to establish a Jowo Temple or a Main Temple as a central place of the Buddha-dharma and Tibetan culture. . . . As this provides a great source of accumulating merit I request the broader community to offer your financial support for this endeavor.”

Preserving Tibet's Endangered Heritage

Many aspects of Tibet's rich cultural and spiritual heritage have been severely damaged, if not lost forever. Since Tibet lost its independence in 1959, more than 6,000 monasteries, temples, and cultural and historic sites have been destroyed.

The U.S. Jokhang Temple in Massachusetts will, in its own small way, preserve the spiritual, artistic and cultural heritage of Tibet. It will be a spiritual practice center and sacred space for viewing the sacred Jowo Rinpoche statue, and preserving authentic Tibetan temple art and craftsmanship.



Venerable Lama Konchok Sonam is the spiritual director of the temple. A highly trained monk of the Drikung Kagyu lineage of Tibetan Buddhism, Ven. Konchok Sonam is expert in both the theoretical and practical aspects of training the mind through meditation and Vajrayana methods for awakening.

Ven. Lama Konchok Sonam endured oppressive political and religious persecution, imprisonment, and a harrowing escape across the Himalayas, leaving his beloved Tibet and everything he knew and loved behind in order to achieve religious freedom. He realized his dream in 2001, when he arrived in the U.S.A.

In 2003 he was appointed spiritual director of the Drikung Meditation Center. In the fall of 2005, Ven. Konchok Sonam received the vision to create an emanation replica of the sacred Jowo Rinpoche Statue to benefit his new country and the Tibetan community in exile. He envisioned not only creation of an emanation replica of the sacred Jowo Rinpoche statue, but also creation of a U.S. Jokhang Temple—thus bringing the blessings of the Buddha Shakyamuni and countless other past enlightened masters from the India, Nepal, and Tibet to the United States.