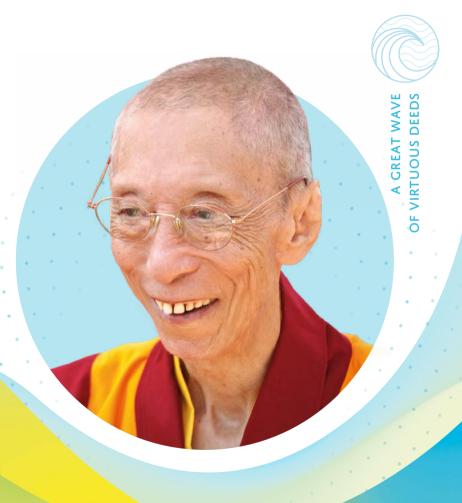
KADAMPA BUDDHISM WORLDWIDE 2023

International Teaching
Programme of Festivals
& Dharma Celebrations







## Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche

Spiritual Guide and Founder of Modern Kadampa Buddhism

Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche, or Geshe-la as he is affectionately known, is a fully accomplished meditation master who has dedicated his life to keeping alive the pure Dharma that comes from the hearts of Buddha Shakyamuni, Atisha and Je Tsongkhapa, and to ensuring that it flourishes, both now and in the future. Through his teachings and writings he has presented the paths of wisdom and compassion in practical ways that everyone, regardless of nationality, culture, gender or age, can use to solve their daily problems, improve their personal relationships, and eventually attain a deep and lasting happiness and inner peace.

We celebrate with deep gratitude Venerable Geshe-la's extraordinary vision, kindness and skill in introducing modern Kadampa Buddhism into contemporary society and in creating all the conditions necessary to ensure its future continuity and growth.

Everything within this brochure is a manifestation of the compassionate heart of this remarkable holy being who continues to touch the hearts of countless people and inspire them to begin and complete the blissful journey to lasting happiness.

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From Venerable Geshe-la we have received a great wave of Dharma. He has given us all the instructions of the Kadam lineages of Lamrim, Lojong and Mahamudra in the form of his books, and the blessings of these lineages through his teachings. Because of this we and future generations can make authentic progress on the spiritual path by relying on these books as our Spiritual Teacher.



# GIVING US CONFIDENCE FOR THE FUTURE



To ensure that Buddha's teachings remain and flourish in this world, and so that this and future generations can realize them, Venerable Geshe-la has established all the conditions needed to support people in their spiritual life.

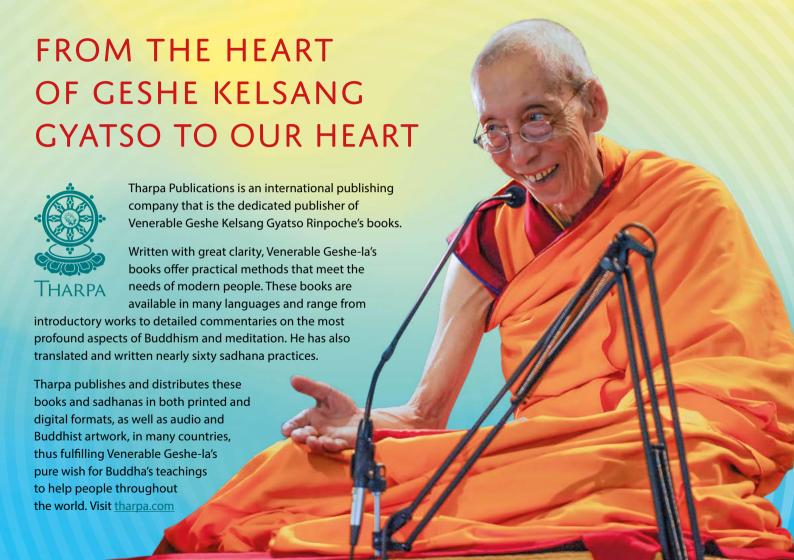
First, he wrote Dharma books that contain the vast body of his unequalled teachings. Then, to support the realization of these teachings he developed the three study programmes, trained qualified Teachers, established Temples and Dharma Centres, International Festivals and Celebrations, an international publishing company and the Kadampa Art Studio, and above all gathered an international community of people actively dedicated to world peace.

He is like a wishfulfilling tree that fulfils our wishes for true happiness in this troubled world. Visit kadampa.org

















Through the legacy of his twenty-three fully qualified Dharma books, Venerable Geshe-la has made it possible for people throughout the world to have continuous access to Buddha's pure teachings, thus opening the door to liberation and enlightenment to everyone.



#### **Gen-la Kelsang Khyenrab**

Retired General Spiritual
Director of NKT-IKBU, National
Spiritual Director of Canada and
Resident Teacher at Tara IKRC, UK

Gen-la Khyenrab is deeply respected throughout the Kadampa world as a sincere practitioner and powerful teacher.

#### **Gen-la Kelsang Kunsang**

Retired Deputy Spiritual
Director of NKT-IKBU, National
Spiritual Director of Switzerland,
Italy, Austria & South Africa
and Resident Teacher at
Madhyamaka KMC, UK

Gen-la Kunsang has been a disciple of Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche for many years, and she has won the admiration and affection of many students through her pure example and loving-kindness.

# THE SENIOR TEACHERS OF MODERN KADAMPA BUDDHISM











#### **Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong**

General Spiritual Director of NKT-IKBU, Resident Teacher and Special Teacher Training Programme Teacher at Manjushri KMC, UK

Gen-la Dekyong has been a student of Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche for over thirty-five years, sincerely training under his guidance in all aspects of Kadam Dharma. Gen-la is recognized as a fully qualified Dharma Teacher of both Sutra and Tantra

#### **Gen-la Kelsang Jampa**

Deputy Spiritual Director of NKT-IKBU and Resident
Teacher at IKRC Grand Canyon

Gen-la Jampa has studied under Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche and taught internationally for many years.

He is greatly admired for his warm personality and clear, inspiring teachings.

#### **Gen-la Kelsang Thubten**

International Kadampa
Internet Director

Gen-la Thubten teaches internationally and is renowned for his ability to present the many deep meanings contained within Venerable Geshe-la's books and to show how to integrate them into daily life.

# QUALIFIED TEACHERS FOR EVERY GENERATION

THE NATIONAL SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS So that people all over the world can have direct access to qualified teachings and inspiring examples from their own countries and speaking their own languages, Venerable Geshe-la established comprehensive programmes to train modern Kadampa Teachers. These programmes are open to both lay and ordained practitioners and provide on-going training year after year to help Teachers continually improve their understanding and experience, and thus be able to offer ever greater benefit to their communities.





GEN KELSANG RIGPA WESTERN USA NSD



KADAM MORTEN CLAUSEN EASTERN USA NSD



GEN KELSANG RABTEN
AUSTRALASIA &
SOUTH-EAST ASIA NSD



GEN KELSANG EUPAMÉ FRANCE NSD



GEN KELSANG SANGDEN
MEXICO, NICARAGUA,
COLOMBIA, PERU & CHILE NSD



GEN KELSANG DEMO



GEN KELSANG CHOKGA SPAIN & PORTUGAL NSD



GEN KELSANG ANANDA
GERMANY, SLOVENIA, ROMANIA
& CZECH REPUBLIC NSD



GEN KELSANG DRAGPA NORDIC REGION NSD



GEN KELSANG RINCHUNG
ARGENTINA
& URUGUAY NSD



GEN KELSANG TONGLAM HONG KONG, TAIWAN & PHILIPPINES NSD

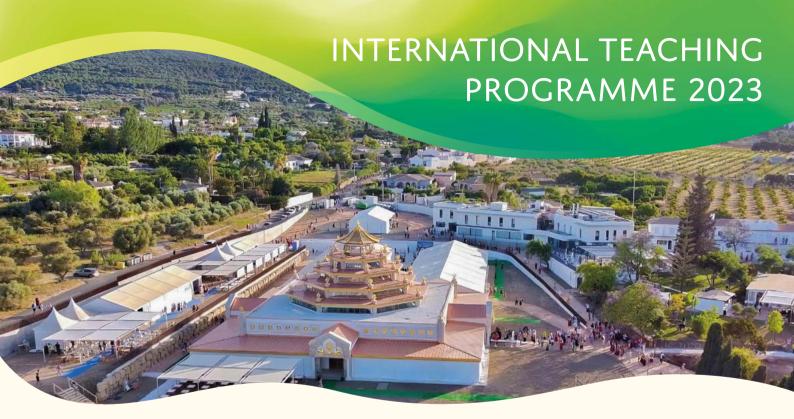


**GEN KELSANG MUDITA**BRAZIL NSD



WADAM BRIDGET HEYES
UNITED KINGDOM
& IRELAND NSD





'The international programme of teachings is the doorway through which people of the modern world can enter the great treasury of compassion and wisdom that is Kadampa Buddhism.'

VENERABLE GESHE KELSANG GYATSO RINPOCHE

Besides the three International Festivals, each year the NKT offers a comprehensive programme of national festivals and national and regional Dharma Celebrations. This brochure details the teaching programme for 2023. <a href="kadampa.org/international-courses">kadampa.org/international-courses</a>

# NKT-IKBU INTERNATIONAL SPRING FESTIVAL 2023

MAY 26 - 31

The Source of Happiness & Goodness

Special commentary to the *Liberating Prayer* & International Refuge Vow Ceremony with Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong



'The Liberating Prayer is not an ordinary prayer – it is like a text and has profound meaning.

All Lamrim teachings are included in this prayer. It definitely needs verbal commentary by a Teacher. It is the best method to develop faith in Buddha and his teachings.'

Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche

Gen-la Dekyong will share a special transmission of the meaning of

this prayer which she received directly from Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche. She will also include other commentary to the prayer that Venerable Geshe-la has given over many years. There will then be an opportunity to engage in a powerful and immensely meaningful International Refuge Vow Ceremony with our Kadampa family.





NKT-IKBU INTERNATIONAL SUMMER FESTIVAL 2023

**JULY 28 - AUGUST 12** 

## Kadam Lamrim - the Complete Path to Enlightenment

#### **WEEK 1**

The Stages of Kadam Lamrim of Sutra with Gen-la Kelsang Jampa

#### WEEK 2

The Stages of Kadam Lamrim of Tantra with the Highest Yoga Tantra Empowerments of Heruka and Vajrayogini with Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong



This is a rare and precious opportunity to learn from qualified contemporary Teachers how to practise Buddha's teachings of both Sutra and Tantra according to the lineage of modern Kadampa Buddhism.

In Week 1 of this special Festival, Gen-la Kelsang Jampa, Deputy Spiritual Director of NKT-IKBU, will teach the stages of Kadam Lamrim of Sutra. These practices are an essential foundation for receiving Highest Yoga Tantra teachings.



In Week 2, Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong, General Spiritual Director of NKT-IKBU, will teach the stages of Kadam Lamrim of Tantra by granting the Highest Yoga Tantra empowerments and commentaries of Heruka Body Mandala and Vairayogini.







# NKT-IKBU INTERNATIONAL FALL FESTIVAL 2023

OCTOBER 6 - 12

**Developing a Pure Heart** 

Empowerment of Medicine Buddha & Teachings on *The Eleven Reversals* with Gen-la Kelsang Khyenrab



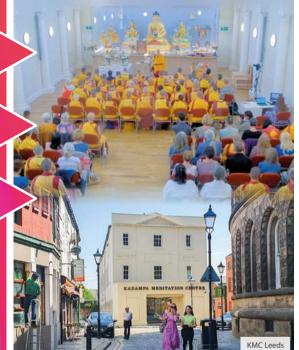
At the Fall Festival 2023, Gen-la Kelsang Khyenrab, retired General Spiritual Director of NKT-IKBU, will grant the empowerment of Medicine Buddha and give teachings on the eleven reversals.

The teachings on the eleven reversals reveal the essence of all Buddha's teachings of Sutra and Tantra.

We learn how to apply these teachings in our daily life, and how to measure our progress by examining how much our ordinary attitudes and behaviour

This teaching is very practical and suitable for everyone.









#### SCOTTISH DHARMA CELEBRATION

February 3 - 5 with Kadam Bridget Heyes

#### **SOUTHERN ENGLAND DHARMA CELEBRATION**

April 21 - 23 with Kadam Bridget Heyes

#### **UK DHARMA CELEBRATION**

September 8 - 11 with Kadam Bridget Heyes

#### **WELSH DHARMA CELEBRATION**

November 24 - 26 with Kadam Bridget Heyes

#### **SOUTH-WEST ENGLAND DHARMA CELEBRATION**

**December 15 - 17** with Kadam Bridget Heyes

#### **IRISH DHARMA CELEBRATION**

March 24 - 26 with Kadam Bridget Heyes



#### NORDIC FESTIVAL

March 17 - 19 with Gen-la Kelsang Thubten

#### **SPANISH FESTIVAL**

April 5 - 9 with Gen-la Kelsang Kunsang

#### **FRENCH FESTIVAL**

April 7 - 10 with Gen-la Kelsang Jampa

#### **PORTUGUESE FESTIVAL**

April 21 - 25 with Gen-la Kelsang Thubten

#### SWISS, ITALIAN & AUSTRIAN FESTIVAL

September 8 - 11 with Gen-la Kelsang Thubten

#### **GERMAN FESTIVAL**

November 24 - 28 with Gen-la Kelsang Thubten

### GERMAN DHARMA CELEBRATION

March 31 - April 3 with Gen Kelsang Ananda

## SWISS DHARMA CELEBRATION

April 6 - 10 with Gen Kelsang Dragpa

# AUSTRIAN DHARMA CELEBRATION

April 14 - 16

with Gen-la Kelsang Kunsang

## NORTHERN SPANISH DHARMA CELEBRATION

June 23 - 26 with Gen Kelsang Chokga

#### PORTUGUESE DHARMA CELEBRATION

November 10 - 12 with Gen Kelsang Chokga

#### **NORDIC DHARMA CELEBRATION**

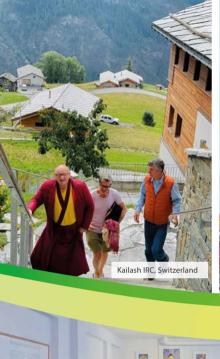
November 17 - 19 with Gen Kelsang Dragpa

#### FRENCH DHARMA CELEBRATION

December 1 - 3 with Gen Kelsang Eupamé

#### **SPANISH DHARMA CELEBRATION**

December 6 - 10 with Gen Kelsang Chokga





















#### CALIFORNIA DHARMA CELEBRATION

March 10 - 12 with Gen Kelsang Rigpa

#### FLORIDA DHARMA CELEBRATION

March 10 - 12 with Kadam Morten Clausen

#### **SOUTHERN US DHARMA CELEBRATION**

March 17 - 19 with Kadam Morten Clausen

#### **MID-WEST US DHARMA CELEBRATION**

March 31 - April 2 with Gen Kelsang Demo

#### **SOUTH-WEST US DHARMA CELEBRATION**

March 31 - April 3 with Gen Kelsang Rigpa

#### **MID-ATLANTIC US DHARMA CELEBRATION**

April 14 - 16 with Kadam Morten Clausen

IKRC Grand Canyon

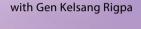
NORTH-EAST US
DHARMA CELEBRATION

April 28 - 30

with Kadam Morten Clausen

## NORTH-WEST US DHARMA CELEBRATION

September 8 - 10



# SOUTH AMERICA

BRAZILIAN FESTIVAL November 1 - 5 with Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong

ARGENTINIAN FESTIVAL November 10 - 12 with Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong

CHILEAN FESTIVAL November 17 - 19 with Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong

#### **BRAZILIAN DHARMA CELEBRATION**

February 17 - 21 with Gen Kelsang Mudita

#### **ARGENTINIAN DHARMA CELEBRATION**

March 23 - 26 with Gen Kelsang Rinchung

#### **COLOMBIAN DHARMA CELEBRATION**

March 24 - 27 with Gen Kelsang Sangden

#### **CHILEAN DHARMA CELEBRATION**

April 28 - May 1 with Gen Kelsang Sangden

















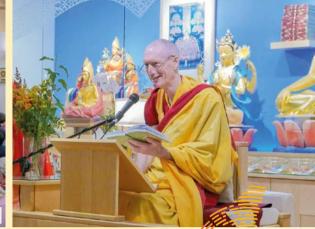












#### **CANADIAN FESTIVAL**

June 16 - 20 with Gen-la Kelsang Jampa

#### WESTERN CANADIAN DHARMA CELEBRATION

November 17 - 19 with Gen-la Kelsang Khyenrab

#### **QUÉBEC DHARMA CELEBRATION**

November 24 - 26 with Gen-la Kelsang Khyenrab

#### **ONTARIO DHARMA CELEBRATION**

December 1 - 3 with Gen-la Kelsang Khyenrab











#### **AUSTRALIAN FESTIVAL**

December 29 - January 3 2024 with Gen-la Kelsang Jampa

#### **NEW ZEALAND FESTIVAL**

January 12 - 15 2024 with Gen-la Kelsang Jampa

KMC Australia

# AUSTRALIAN DHARMA CELEBRATION

April 7 - 10 with Gen Kelsang Rabten

## NEW ZEALAND DHARMA CELEBRATION

April 21 - 25 with Gen Kelsang Rabten





# SOUTH AFRICA

**SOUTH AFRICAN FESTIVAL** 

March 3 - 5

with Gen-la Kelsang Kunsang

## SOUTH AFRICAN DHARMA CELEBRATION

November 10 - 12

with Gen-la Kelsang Kunsang















#### **ASIAN FESTIVAL**

December 15 - 18 with Gen-la Kelsang Jampa

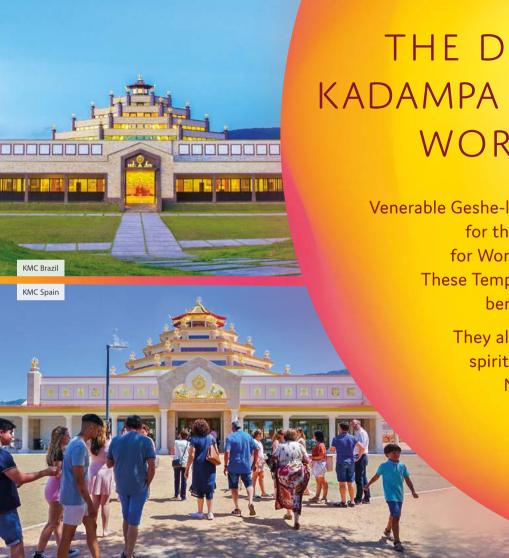
EAST-ASIAN DHARMA CELEBRATION

March 17 - 20 with Gen Kelsang Tonglam

**SOUTH-EAST ASIAN DHARMA CELEBRATION** 

March 31 - April 3 with Gen Kelsang Rabten

ASIA



# THE DAWN OF KADAMPA TEMPLES WORLDWIDE



Venerable Geshe-la has established a programme for the building of Kadampa Temples for World Peace throughout the world. These Temples are special holy places that benefit everyone who visits them.

> They also bring together the Kadampa spiritual family for International and National Festivals, which serves to maintain the International Kadampa Buddhist Union from generation to generation.







# WORLDWIDE DHARMA CENTRES

Venerable Geshe-la has encouraged the development of Dharma Centres in many aspects, from large residential communities in the countryside to city Temples. This has enabled the development of spiritual communities that support people in their daily meditation practice in whatever way is most appropriate for them.

### MANJUSHRI KADAMPA MEDITATION CENTRE

Manjushri KMC is the Mother Centre of the NKT. It is Venerable Geshe-la's spiritual home where he lived for many years and began his work making modern Kadampa Buddhism flourish in this world. Manjushri KMC is home to the first Kadampa Temple for World Peace, and International Spring and Summer Festivals are held here each year.







# STUDY PROGRAMMES & INTERNATIONAL RETREAT CENTRES







Based on his Dharma books, Venerable Geshe-la has developed **three study programmes** – the General, Foundation and Teacher Training Programmes – that are the core of all Kadampa centres around the world.

With the development of International Retreat Centres, Venerable Geshe-la has given modern people perfect conditions to take Buddha's teachings deeply into their heart and thus gain the deep insights that will liberate them from suffering.

These centres offer many different types of retreat for people to progress at their own pace.

STUDY &

At Manjushri KMC, Venerable Geshe-la has established special study programmes taught by Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong and Gen-la Kelsang Khyenrab.



The **Special Teacher Training Programme** taught by Gen-la Dekyong is a weekly study programme originally for Resident Teachers and those wishing to train as teachers. Recently the programme was made available as a drop-in class for local people so that now these teachings are working for students on many levels and reaching hundreds of people worldwide.

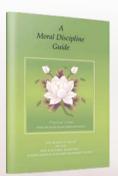
The NKT also offers the Intensive Teacher Training Programme taught by Gen-la Khyenrab, which provides a six-month residential intensive training programme for new teachers, as well as ongoing training and support for existing teachers.

This year over 40 people are enrolled.

SPECIAL &
INTENSIVE TEACHER
TRAINING PROGRAMMES

### MAINTAINING PURITY

If the pure lineage of Buddha's teachings is to continue it is essential that practitioners follow pure conduct, just like Buddha's disciples. Despite our modern way of life being very different to the traditional way of life of Buddhists in previous times, Venerable Geshe-la has given clear guidelines on how to live purely in the modern world.



# To maintain our pure society Venerable Geshe-la has given us the internal rules of the NKT

'Our Moral Discipline Guide is the basis for spiritual realizations and for all good qualities... ... the internal rules are our eyes showing the way, they are our Spiritual Guide teaching us what to do. Our actions become pure and successful, then people trust and follow us. So it is very important to follow them.'
VENERABLE GESHE KELSANG GYATSO RINPOCHE

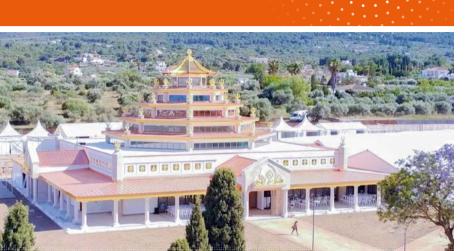
#### **Ordination in Modern Life**

Continuing Buddha's lineage of ordination, Venerable Geshe-la has ordained thousands of monks and nuns. This lineage has continued and there is now a global community of ordained sangha.





# INTERNATIONAL TEMPLES PROJECT:







## The International Temples Project (ITP) is an international fund dedicated to public benefit. It

was founded by Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche with the aim to introduce the Buddhist faith and practice of the NKT publicly, and to exemplify Buddhist practice through public service – showing how individuals and society benefit through the practice of Buddhism in modern daily life.



Constantly adapting to meet the needs of modern society, the International Temples Project presently achieves its aim through creating traditional and non-traditional World Peace Temples, Kadampa Meditation Centres, International Retreat Centres and through the activities of World Peace Cafés and Tharpa Publications. Find out more at kadampa.org/itp





**KMC NEW YORK** The new building at KMC New York is now completed. The building has 15 new rooms, a large commercial kitchen and other facilities that will allow KMC New York to accommodate more visitors.



**KMC LEEDS** had their grand opening with Gen-la Dekyong in July. Based in a famous historic building in the city centre, the space has been sensitively restored combining many beautiful original and modern features.





**KMC CUERNAVACA** has now opened a new centre and recently held the Mexican Dharma Celebration there. The meditation hall seats 250 people, and the centre has a World Peace Café and garden. It is an oasis of peace in the city.



#### KADAMPA ART STUDIO

The studio will soon produce bronze statues, which are robust and long-lasting. This is an extraordinary development!



**KMC VALENCIA** moved to a new commercial space in November 2022. They aim to finish renovations and open officially in Spring 2023.



**KMC COLOGNE** In response to requests Venerable Geshe-la initiated the buying of a new centre in Cologne, the fourth largest city in Germany.



**KMC GLASGOW** is planning to open a striking new space in the city centre. The meditation hall will seat 200 with a large World Peace Café.



KMC SPAIN completed their new building. It provides 18 new ensuite rooms, a large dining room and kitchen, a World Peace Café and more!



KMC BARCELONA is planning to develop a beautiful new space in the city, offering two meditation rooms and café/reception.



KMC LILLE offers classes in northern France and Belgium. This September it opened a modern new commercial space.



**KMC MEXICO** The wonderful new city Temple in Mexico City is progressing quickly and they are planning to open April 6, 2023.



**KMC COLORADO** is planning extensive renovations to their new commercial space.



KMC GIRONA Kadam Dharma has been taught in the Spanish city of Girona for over 30 years. Now KMC Girona has purchased a new space in the city.

Month	Date	Event	Teacher	Month	Date	Event	Teacher
Feb	3 - 5	Scottish DC	Kadam Bridget Heyes	Jun	16 - 20	Canadian NF	Gen-la Kelsang Jampa
	17 - 21	Brazilian DC	Gen Kelsang Mudita		23 - 26	Northern Spanish DC	Gen Kelsang Chokga
Mar	3 - 5	South African NF	Gen-la Kelsang Kunsang		23 - 28	US NF	Gen-la Kelsang Jampa
	10 - 12	Florida DC	Kadam Morten Clausen	Jul	28 - Aug 12	International Summer Festival, UK	Gen-la Kelsang Jampa
	10 - 12	California DC	Gen Kelsang Rigpa		3	•	Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong
	17 - 19	Nordic NF	Gen-la Kelsang Thubten	Sep	8 - 10	North-west US DC	Gen Kelsang Rigpa
	17 - 19	Southern US DC	Kadam Morten Clausen		8 - 11	UK DC	Kadam Bridget Heyes
	17 - 20	East-Asian DC	Kadam Bridget Heyes  Gen Kelsang Sangden		8 - 11	Swiss, Italian & Austrian NF	Gen-la Kelsang Thubten
	23 - 26	Argentinian DC		Oct	6 - 12	International Fall Festival, Spain	Gen-la Kelsang Khyenrab
	24 - 26	Irish DC		Nov	1 - 5	Brazilian NF	Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong
	24 - 27	Colombian DC					, ,
	31 - Apr 2	Mid-west US DC	Gen Kelsang Demo		10 - 12	Argentinian NF	Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong
	31 - Apr 3	German DC	Gen Kelsang Ananda		10 - 12	Portuguese DC	Gen Kelsang Chokga
	31 - Apr 3	South-east Asian DC	Gen Kelsang Rabten		10 - 12	South African DC	Gen-la Kelsang Kunsang
	31 - Apr 3	South-west US DC	Gen Kelsang Rigpa		17 - 19	Chilean NF	Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong
Apr	5 - 9	Spanish NF	Gen-la Kelsang Kunsang		17 - 19	Nordic DC	Gen Kelsang Dragpa
	6 - 10	Swiss DC	Gen Kelsang Dragpa		17 - 19	Western Canadian DC	Gen-la Kelsang Khyenrab
	7 - 10	Australian DC	Gen Kelsang Rabten		24 - 26	Mexican DC	Gen Kelsang Sangden
	7 - 10	French NF	Gen-la Kelsang Jampa		24 - 26	Québec DC	Gen-la Kelsang Khyenrab
	7 - 10	Mexican NF	Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong		24 - 26	Welsh DC	Kadam Bridget Heyes
	14 - 16	Austrian DC	Gen-la Kelsang Kunsang Kadam Morten Clausen		24 - 28	German NF	Gen-la Kelsang Thubten
	14 - 16	Mid-Atlantic US DC		Dec	1 - 3	French DC	Gen Kelsang Eupamé
	21 - 23	Southern England DC	Kadam Bridget Heyes				· .
	21 - 25	New Zealand DC	Gen Kelsang Rabten		1 - 3	Ontario DC	Gen-la Kelsang Khyenrab
	21 - 25	Portuguese NF	Gen-la Kelsang Thubten		6 - 10	Spanish DC	Gen Kelsang Chokga
	28 - 30	North-east US DC	Kadam Morten Clausen		15 - 17	South-west England DC	Kadam Bridget Heyes
	28 - May 1	Chilean DC	Gen Kelsang Sangden		15 - 18	Asian NF	Gen-la Kelsang Jampa
May	26 - 31	International Spring Festival, UK	Gen-la Kelsang Dekyong		29 - Jan 3	Australian NF	Gen-la Kelsang Jampa
Salve.				Jan 2024	12 - 15	New Zealand NF	Gen-la Kelsang Jampa

