

The Future of Tilogaard

Presently, Tilogaard (**pronunciation in danish: tilogor**) is privately owned. On the 5th of October 2012, I formed an institution with the aim of donating the land and houses to this incorporation. The name is *Tilogaard Meditation School*, which name in Danish is: Tilogaard Meditationskole. The transfer of ownership though, will first take place, when the mortgage is sufficiently reduced. I expect that to happen in 2024. In the meantime the institution of Tilogaard as a “legal person” will be the organising entity of the activities on Tilogaard. So donations specifically for Tilogaard Meditation School can now be received, without involving me personally. It is this institution that arranges seminars, retreats and so on at Tilogaard. This is only a formal change. Tilogaard is already a meditation school, in that teachings on meditation is the principal activity.

Tilogaard aims to evolve and develop both the meditation school, that it already is, and also as a so-called Refugium with various facilities for larger seminars and retreats. The traditional Danish concept of a ‘refugium’ means a place for quietude, calm, contemplation, study, prayer, meditation or related endeavours. People come to such places (mostly to Lutheran Christian refugiums, here in Denmark) in Denmark for a limited time to accomplish such projects, or to find peace in time of sorrow or new inspiration after a great loss. If Buddha or Buddhism is somehow involved in such individuals projects, they shall be welcome here. This concept of refugium will provide informal as well as formal retreat facilities, a library for study and a hall for Dharma seminars and group practise. This is what I work for to come together and happen at Tilogaard. At present though, there is no money for such an enterprise. This is never the less the aim.

The institution of Tilogaard Meditation School has been formalised in a constitution with Shamar Rinpoche as it’s protector. After the demise of Rinpoche, the new protector is the 17th Karmapa Thinley Taye Dorje. Because focus is on the meditation school, government of the institution is divided in two, that is the Lama and the students and supporters of Tilogaard. In general, the Lama and eventually other permanent residents will rule on Tilogaard, but the students and supporters are associated with the institution in such a way, that they have some powers as well. Particularly so, when a new Lama is to be appointed, when I die and so on.

Tilogaard will stay a Buddhist Meditation School and provide a residence for a Western Lama. When I die, another Danish Karma Kagyü Lama is supposed to take over the institution and residence here.

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