

July 29, 2021

Dear Anthony,

I am writing this letter to formally acknowledge Martha Asselin is doing a long-term retreat under my guidance at Longchen Jigme Samten Ling, Mangala Shri Bhuti's retreat center in Southern Colorado. She is also under the guidance of the three Drubpons, or Retreat Masters: Elizabeth Mattis Namgyel, Suzy Greanias, and Jennifer Shippee. She began her retreat in May 2021, at my invitation. Long-term retreats at Samten Ling are re-evaluated on a year-by-year basis, even if someone is doing a traditional three-year retreat. I have given Martha permission to start with a one-year retreat, with the option to complete a three-year retreat. I am delighted that she is applying for financial aid so she may consider her options more fully.

Thank you for supporting long-term retreatants and their endeavors to progress on the path.

Yours in the Dharma,

Dzigar Kongtrul Rinpoche