



# BODHISATTVA VOWS

with Acharya Jenny Warwick  
Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008

## Preparations for the Bodhisattva Vow

- ❖ Taking the Refuge Vow (preferably at least six months prior)
- ❖ Aspirant to meet with their meditation instructor before weekend ceremony
- ❖ Highly recommended that one has attended some Shambhala School of Buddhist Studies courses
- ❖ Highly recommended that one has attended or will attend the Shambhala School of Buddhist Studies Class **“Mahayana & the Bodhisattva Vow” offered May 23–25th at Vancouver Shambhala Centre**
- ❖ Reading: The Bodhisattva Vow Sourcebook and/or The Heart of the Buddha

## Schedule

Friday May 23rd 6:30pm: Required meetings with Acharya Warwick

May 25th, 6:00pm: Bodhisattva Vows

*Only those who are taking the Bodhisattva Vow or who have already taken the Bodhisattva Vow may attend this ceremony. Celebratory reception will follow.*

May 25th, 7:00pm: Celebratory Reception

**Acharya Jenny Warwick**, a meditation practitioner of 30 years, is one of a group of senior teachers appointed by Sakyong Mipham Rinpoche, leader of the world-wide network of Shambhala Centres, to represent him and the Kagu, Nyimgma, and Shambhala lineage's he holds. Chosen because of her knowledge, wisdom, and commitment to the confluence of teachings found in Shambhala. Acharya Warwick now devotes her life to deep practice and diverse teaching within the Shambhala Buddhist Community.

No Charge for vows. **Teachers gift is customary for the Bodhisattva Vow.** Please contact your meditation instructor for guidance.

For logistical questions, contact the coordinator, Jan Russell at [janrussell@shaw.ca](mailto:janrussell@shaw.ca) or call 604-261-8937

Vancouver Shambhala Centre  
Bodhisattva Vow Application  
Meditation Instructor Recommendation Form

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Meditation Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

MI Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

The following are suggested guidelines for recommending practitioners who aspire to take Bodhisattva Vow:

1. Refuge Vows taken (preferably at least 6 months)
2. Recommended reading: The Bodhisattva Sourcebook and/or The Heart of the Buddha
3. Ongoing meditation practice
4. It is helpful to have some sustaining activities associated with a meditation centre

Have you met with this student-practitioner to discuss the view, motivation, and recommended readings for the Bodhisattva Vow? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you feel this student is prepared to take the Bodhisattva vow? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Can you recommend this practitioner? (Comments optional)  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

MI Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant please forward completed application form including MI Recommendation section to Jan Russell via email [janrussell@shaw.ca](mailto:janrussell@shaw.ca), or mail #303-8655 Cartier Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6P 4T9 or leave in my file at the Shambhala Centre by **Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Vancouver Shambhala Centre  
**Bodhisattva Vow Application**

Name of Aspirant:

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Refuge Name: (Tibetan/English):

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Date and Place of Refuge:

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Centre Affiliation:

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Phone Number:

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Email Address:

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***The Bodhisattva Gift***

*As part of the Bodhisattva Vow ceremony, please come prepared to give a gift. This gift represents an important practice around taking the Bodhisattva vow itself. It provides a form of generosity practice, which is intended to help us work with our own attachments. It is taught that the Bodhisattva gift is not just giving something to the teacher; more importantly, it offers a way of working with our own mind around our habitual tendencies of clinging and possession.*

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