



Khenpo Ngawang Dorjee was born in 1967 in Golok, Amdo, in Eastern Tibet. At a young age he was ordained as a Buddhist monk, and in 1985 entered Lungkya monastery. For three years, under the guidance of [His Eminence Ngawang Pema Namgyel](#) [Pelzangpo](#), he trained in the Generation and Completion Stages of Glorious Supreme Kalacakra and he perfected the practice of the Completion Stage teachings of the Six Branches of Yoga.

In 1988, under the guidance of a great teacher of multitudes, [Ngawang Delek Rabgye](#), he studied the Tibetan Grammar, Poetry, astrology and the Five Key Scriptures of exoteric Buddhism (sutra) and Four Classes of esoteric Buddhist teachings (tantra) for eight years, as well as ordinary arts and sciences. In 1996 he passed the monastic examinations with distinction. And in accordance with the unanimous wishes of the teachers, reincarnated lamas, and monks of Lungkya monastery he received the rank of Donak Rabjampa (Doctor of Exoteric and Esoteric Buddhist Studies) and was enthroned as an Khenpo (Abbot).

In 1999, Khenpo Ngawang Dorjee went to India where he complied with the wishes of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and [H.E. the ninth Khal-ka Jetsun Dampa](#), to assume responsibility of teaching Buddhist philosophy at the Takten Phuntsok Choeling monastery in Shimla, Northern India, for three years as Khenpo. Thereafter, in 2000, at the invitation of the Cultural Ministry of the Tibetan Government in Exile in Dharamsala, Khenpo Ngawang Dorjee worked at the Research Branch for two years and authored a book containing information about various Buddhist monasteries throughout Nepal, Bhutan, and India. He also composed a poetic account of the life of H. H. the Dalai Lama, a life story of Khal-ka Jetsun Dampa, among others.

In 2003, at the request of the Jonang religious institute Dorje Ling, Khenpo Ngawang Dorjee came to United States. For the next three years he gave teachings at centers in New York and Atlanta.

In 2006, Khenpo Ngawang Dorjee transitioned to the University of Virginia where he worked in the Tibetan and Himalayan Digital Library as an editor for collected Tibetan writings. After a year, he was given the responsibility of teaching colloquial Tibetan classes at the University of Virginia. In May of 2007, he founded the Tashi Choeling Buddhist Center, in Charlottesville, Virginia and is the Abbot and Director of the Center.