The retreat land Pal Karma Dorje Dzingpa Ling has been gifted by the family of the late Dorje Palmo to the Yongey Buddhist Center to ensure its continued use as a Buddhist retreat site. The gift transfer has been in process for the past year and finally accepted by the Board of Directors on October 31, 2021.

Retreat Land History
1. The property named Pal Karma Dorje Dzingpa Ling was acquired in 1989 for the development of a Buddhist religious site. The 160-acre property is located in the mountains north of the city of Willits in Northern California. The Tibetan name was given by Mingyur Rinpoche and roughly translates to Glorious Karma Vajra Holder Place.
2. Over the past 30 years the property has developed from a campground with yurts and outbuildings (kitchen, restrooms, showers, storage sheds, and meditation decks) into a modern retreat site with living quarters, kitchen, a Buddhist Hall and associated Buddhist monuments (Enlightenment Stupa, Mahakala Room, Retreat Room, and Memorials). The developed infrastructure includes rocked roads, pathways, a fenced garden, a water system with spring, and off-grid solar power.
3. Since 2002, the private retreat site has been associated with the Yongey Buddhist Center and with the Very Venerable Yongey Mingyur Rinpoche. Buddhist retreats with Mingyur Rinpoche and his brother, Tsoknyi Rinpoche, have been held at the property, as well as private retreats with the members of the Yongey Buddhist Center.
4. Shortly after Dorje Palmo’s passing on March 31, 2019, a plan was developed to build a special memorial in honor of Dorje Palmo at the Stupa site. The concept was approved by Mingyur Rinpoche and construction commenced in the summer of 2020. The Dorje Palmo Memorial is now complete and planned for dedication in the summer of 2022.

Plans Moving Forward
1. The Yongey Buddhist Center plans to operate the retreat land in a manner similar to the past. The traditional activities of the retreat land include the annual celebration of the Stupa anniversary, meditation and practice, Buddhist retreats, and teachings by Rinpoche and visiting Lamas and Buddhist instructors.
2. The Dorje Palmo Memorial contains a seventy-two-niche columbarium that will be offered to family and friends (those with a connection to Dorje Palmo) as a final resting place at the Stupa Site. The Yongey Buddhist Center will assume the administration responsibilities for the columbarium.
3. The maintenance and upkeep of the retreat land facilities and equipment has primarily been performed by Dwayne Ladle. These responsibilities will gradually be assumed by the Yongey Buddhist Center as Dwayne prepares an operation and maintenance manual and trains new helpers.
4. Two seats on the Yongey Buddhist Center Board of Directors have been given to Gordon Ladle and Robyn Albarran to ensure continuity of the desires of Dorje Palmo for the retreat land. Gordon has been appointed Retreat Land Director and placed in charge of future operations at the retreat land. Robyn has been appointed Secretary for the Yongey Buddhist Center.
**Dorje Palmo Memorial Project**

**Description**
A special memorial has been built in honor of Dorje Palmo (Mei Yen) at the Retreat Land Pal Karma Dorje Dzingpa Ling (Glorious Karma Vajra Holder Place). The Memorial is located at the Stupa site between the Empowerment Stupa and the Mahakala Room. It follows the basic style of the Stupa with a Tibetan style split roof. The Memorial contains a columbarium to house the remains of Dorje Palmo and departed family and friends (those with a connection to Dorje Palmo).

**History**
1. The Dorje Palmo Memorial was conceived shortly after Dorje Palmo's passing (March 31, 2019) and developed into a plan during the summer and fall of 2019. An account was opened at Wells Fargo for receipt of donations and disbursement of funds for construction. Dorje Palmo Memorial Acct (write checks to “Yongey Buddhist Center”).

2. Three concepts for the Memorial were presented to Mingyur Rinpoche at Osel Ling Monastery in October 2019. Rinpoche selected a concept with an interior columbarium and suggested a Tibetan style split roof with ornament.

3. Updated sketches and a site depiction were prepared in Dec 2019 and presented to friends/family interested in the Memorial. Artwork was also prepared depicting the Memorial. Mingyur Rinpoche approved the updated design.

4. Plans for construction of the Memorial were developed with contractor Jay Fraser during the spring of 2020. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held in May. Construction started in June but delayed due to COVID-19 shutdown restrictions. The memorial concrete structure with the split copper roof was completed in March 2021. The columbarium was installed in early May with the door and finish work completed in June 2021.

5. The Pal Karma Dorje Dzingpa Ling Retreat Land has been gifted to the Yongey Buddhist Center to further develop the property and handle the retreat activities including the Memorial. Mingyur Rinpoche has agreed to dedicate the Dorje Palmo Memorial on his next visit…planned for summer 2022.

**Notes**
1. Memorial structure size (footprint) is 10 x 10 feet. Overall height is slightly over 17 feet. Interior room is 6½ feet square with vaulted ceiling.

2. Rooftop finial ornament was special ordered from Nepal and gold-leafed locally. Double metal door is decorated with eight auspicious symbols (embossed copper plaques) from Nepal. Thanka painting of *Amitabha Buddha in the Western Pure Land* has been commissioned from Surendra’s Tibetan Thanka Treasure for the rear wall of the columbarium.

3. Memorial exterior walls are re-enforced concrete similar to construction technique for Stupa. Memorial split roof is copper plate similar to Stupa porch roof. Double door is metal construction and swings outward. Cast bronze plaque commemorates Dorje Palmo in both English and Chinese Text.

4. Timeless Columbaria of Pella, Iowa supplied the columbarium cabinets. Each metal cabinet was assembled inside the Memorial and mounted onto a 6-inch base stone and topped with a 4-inch roof stone. The columbarium comprises seventy-two niches (12 x 12 x 15 deep) covered with granite plate.