

GUIDELINES FOR THE SANGHA

The *Guidelines for the Sangha* are the communication norms created by Dzigar Kongtrul Rinpoche for the Mangala Shri Bhuti Sangha. These guidelines are posted at all Mangala Shri Bhuti and Mangalam Dharma Centers. Chris Riggert, a senior Mangala Shri Bhuti student, gave a Link talk about these guidelines on Nov. 29, 2009. Subscribe to the Mangala Shri Bhuti Link Podcast at <http://link.mangalashribhuti.org/> to listen to this talk.

No Disrespect: Respect is the ground of relationship. Honor each other's intelligence.

Good Communication: As a Sangha, we must communicate with one another. When difficult issues arise, do not let them "go underground" and do not let them "kick up extra dust." If communication doesn't resolve an issue then it may be important to look into one's own mind and resolve it there.

No Preconcepts: Sangha members should not dwell in preconcepts about one another. Let each moment be fresh when dealing with self and other.

The way of thinking that I alone am special and that others are only of various uses to me is fundamentally not part of the Dharmic way of thinking.

The Dharmic way of thinking is that one is part of the nature in its greatness.