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To the most respected Very Venerable Dilyak Drupon Rinpoche:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of my resignation from all responsibilities at Karma Triyana Dharmachakra Monastery.

I have been working at Karma Triyana Dharmachakra for thirty-one years as a teacher and trustee. In addition, in 1981 His Holiness the Sixteenth Gyalwang Karmapa commanded me to also serve as Treasurer. I have therefore served under that name as well for the last twenty-seven years.

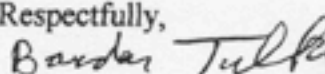
Working at Karma Triyana Dharmachakra has been a wonderful experience, a great education, and especially a tremendous opportunity for me to accumulate merit and serve my root guru, His Holiness the Sixteenth Gyalwang Karmapa. His loving compassion for all of us is like a limitless ocean. It is not temporary, but permanent, and will last until he has brought us all to buddhahood, until we all become able to benefit beings like Buddha Shakyamuni.

Therefore, my work for him is nothing. It is like the smallest drop in the vast ocean of his activity. However, from when I first began until now, I have served with both this and future lives in mind. I have served with my body and speech, through financial contributions, and through my encouragement of others while advising them to serve as well. I hope that I have succeeded in serving my guru in a way that will bring benefit in both my present and future lives.

Nevertheless, different people will see the color of one rabbit's coat in different ways. Accordingly, there are differing opinions of my service, although in my mind I see no contradiction. In any case, whether my service has been successful or not, it is completed now. One reason for this is my age; I am almost sixty. In addition, I suffer from both high blood pressure and diabetes. As well, I bear the responsibility of transmitting the terms of my predecessor, and there are many people who now seek them. I therefore think that my little drop of service to the Sixteenth Gyalwang Karmapa has been sufficient.

Furthermore, as both the Venerable Khenpo Karthar Rinpoche and Sharsay Tendzin Chönyi remain at Karma Triyana Dharmachakra, my presence is unnecessary. I therefore humbly request your permission to resign from all responsibilities at Karma Triyana Dharmachakra.

Respectfully,


Bardor Tulku

Cc: H.H. Gyalwang Karmapa, H.E. Tai Situ Rinpoche, H.E. Jamgön Rinpoche, H.E. Gyaltap Rinpoche, the V.V. Dzogchen Ponlop Rinpoche.