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Dear Community -

During this time of leadership transition, Kalapa Media is committed to providing community updates to you as often as possible. These updates will generally include progress reports and timeline announcements.

We understand that there is a desire for more information and better communication during this transitional period. We will do our best to share information with you as it becomes available.

Investigation into Allegations of Misconduct

In response to anonymous allegations of sexual misconduct by Sakyong Mipham Rinpoche, Shambhala has hired an independent, third-party investigator to look into credible claims of sexual assault raised against the Sakyong and any other leaders in the Shambhala community. The investigation has now begun.

- **Next Steps:** Shambhala will not comment further on any specific allegations of sexual assault until the investigation is complete. Details of the investigation process, including how to submit a claim, will be released next week.

Kalapa Council Leadership Transition

This week, the Kalapa Council began finalizing their transition plan, including forming the transition team that will appoint an interim leadership body.

- **Next Step:** The current Kalapa Council will announce their transition plan to the community next week.

An Olive Branch

An Olive Branch has been formally contracted by Shambhala to provide support in the areas of: a neutral place to report accounts of misconduct or harm; drafting new policies and procedures; victim advocacy; planning for and training incoming leadership; facilitating regional meetings; and working to promote reconciliation within the community. For more information on the organization, [please visit their website](#).

- **Next Steps:** An Olive Branch will write their own personal message introducing themselves to the Shambhala community. This message will be sent out within the next week, including further details about the areas of work described above.

Update from the Office of Finance

Leadership has heard your requests for more detailed information about Shambhala's finances. It is our desire to provide transparency around the organization's financial situation and the ongoing financial challenges Shambhala leaders were working on prior to the impact of recent events.

- **Next Steps:** Ryan Watson, Director of Finance, will send a community-wide message on Wednesday, July 18 with further information.

Ongoing Resources

We will continue to update the Shambhala Community Care webpage as a standing place to access resources, new information and view a list of local events in your area.

- [Access the public Community Care webpage](#)

Lastly, if you are a leader of a local community and need additional help or resources, please contact us at info@shambhala.org. Note that we are receiving a large volume of communications at this time, but will do our best to respond in a timely manner.

With appreciation,

Mark Whaley

Executive Director, Kalapa Media

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Director of Communications, Kalapa Media

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- We apologize that this letter is currently only available in English. Translations will be provided as soon as possible in as many languages as possible.
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