

A Meditation on Misconduct: Timeline & Links

The following is a selection of key correspondence, articles and reports related to misconduct by leaders in Shambhala International from February 2018–May 2020.

2018

February 12: [Shambhala Community Letter Addressing Harm](#)

February 15: [Buddhist Project Sunshine First Report](#) (completed but not widely released)

March: *Jessica Bizub appointed Center Director at the Shambhala Center of Milwaukee*

March 5: *The Guardian* [article](#) & *Newsweek* [article](#) on misconduct

March 6: Kalapa Council [responds](#) to news coverage

June 21: Kalapa Council Updates the Community on [Sexual Harm Task Force creation](#)

June 25: The Sakyong releases an [apology letter](#)

June 27: Kalapa Council releases [second letter](#)

June 28: [Buddhist Project Sunshine 2 Report](#) released

June 29: Kalapa Council releases [third letter](#)

June 29: *Lion's Roar* [article](#) on misconduct by leader of Shambhala community

July 6: Kalapa Council [notes of July 2 community call](#) published

July 6: [Letter](#) from the Sakyong's office announcing he is "stepping back"

July 6: [Letter](#) from the Kalapa Council announcing they are stepping down

July 8: [Letter](#) from women Acharyas

July 10: The Sakyong's [second apology letter](#)

July 10: [Memo](#) from Buddhist Project Sunshine

July 11: *New York Times* [article](#) on misconduct by "The 'King' of Shambhala Buddhism"

July 13: Kalapa Council's [media update](#)

July 20: [Introductory letter](#) from An Olive Branch

August 1: *Tricycle* [article](#) “Encountering the Shadow in Buddhist America”

August 23: [Buddhist Project Sunshine 3: “The Nail”](#) released

September 22: [Letter](#) from Pema Chödrön

October 31: [Letter](#) from Interim Board

2019

February 3: [Wickwire Holm Report](#) released; posted on <https://communitycare.shambhala.org/>

February 4: The Sakyong [responds](#) to Wickwire Holm report

February 16: [Letter](#) from Kusung

February 18: Shambhala [response](#) to letter from Kusung

February 20: [Letter](#) from the Acharyas

February 21: [Letter](#) from the Sakyong

March 19: Interim Board releases An Olive Branch [report](#)

April & July letters from Jessica Bizub to Shambhala leadership; she resigns in August

December 14: [Letter](#) from the Sakyong regarding teaching

December 29: [Communication](#) from Shambhala regarding Abhisheka

2020

January 14: [Letter](#) from Pema Chödrön announcing decision to “step down”

January 20: [Update](#) from the Process Team

February 2: Follow-up [communication](#) from Shambhala regarding Abhisheka

March 22: Shambhala releases Child Protection [policy](#)

April 17: [Report](#) from the Process Team

May 14: [Letter](#) to students of Sakyong Mipham Rinpoche

For more information, and updates, see also:

[Shambhala International](#)

[Shambhala Report](#)

[Shambhala Apology](#)

[Reddit: Shambhala Buddhism](#)