

Angelika attended her first Basic Retreat with Hildegard in 2001. This experience marked a profound turning point in her life. After participating in several further retreats, she was inspired by the wish to establish a permanent place where Hildegard could regularly offer retreats.

When Hildegard shared with her that, many years earlier, the Most Venerable Ajahn Tong Sirimangalo had entrusted her with the mission of establishing a meditation center in Germany, they both felt that the time had come to bring this vision to fruition.

A series of remarkable and auspicious circumstances followed. In 2004, the Dhammacari Association was founded, with Angelika serving as its President ever since. In the spring of 2005, Sonnenthal was found to be the ideal location for the future meditation center.

Following the renovation of the property, the first retreat at the Dhammacari Vipassana Meditation Center was held there in February 2006.

From 2007 onwards, Angelika was able to spend extended periods at Wat Chomtong in Northern Thailand on a regular basis, undertaking intensive personal retreats while also serving as an assistant to the meditation teachers. In recognition of her many years of dedicated service to the preservation and dissemination of the Dhamma,

Angelika has received several distinguished honors. In May 2013, the Sangha in Chiang Mai, Thailand, presented her with the Annual Benefactor of Buddhism Award in appreciation of her outstanding contribution to Buddhism. In May 2018, she received another prestigious distinction in Bangkok, where Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn bestowed upon her the Sao Sema Dhammacakka Award, also known as the Golden Pillar of the Dhamma. Both awards recognize her exceptional contribution to the spread of the Dhamma beyond Thailand. On the same occasion in 2018, the Most Venerable Ajahn Tong Sirimangalo personally presented her with her Teacher's Certificate.

Angelika's continuous meditation practice has been the foundation that enabled her to meet the many responsibilities involved in establishing and leading the Dhammacari Vipassana Meditation Center. Alongside managing the center, assisting the teacher, and fulfilling her responsibilities within the Association, she has guided the center's physical development over many years—from the initial renovation to the major extension project, which is soon approaching completion.