

2015 Annual Report of Jamyang Choling Institute

7th January 2016

General Information:

In 2015 we had 130 students, including 125 nuns and 5 lay students. Our Studies went smoothly throughout the year. We had five Philosophy teachers, And one Grammar teacher, as one of the Grammar teachers is still seriously ill and has required full- time care in bed. He is partially paralyzed, is unable to teach and is attending physical therapy.

Three senior classes who have completed the over- 17- year study program of Jamyang Choling Institute are committed to work in administration. Among these nuns, seven are Geshe ma candidates who passed their third exam in 2015 and who continue to prepare for their fourth exam which will hold at Gaden Choling Nunnery Dharamsala India from 1st to 12th May 2016.

Fourth class studying their second year of "The Middle way (Uma).
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We were also able to attract few volunteer English teachers whom have come from America, Australia and England to teach English with our volunteer's students Ven.DolmaTsering and Ms. Tenzin Khadro.

Ven Lobsang Dolma and Ven. Lobsang Dolkar are volunteering to tailor our nuns dress robes in their spare time.

Administration:

In 10th June 2015 we elected our new Board of Directors (Fourth Team)

1. Geshe Tsultrim Gyatso was elected as Director
2. Ven.Sonam Dekyi as Main Senior accountant
3. Ven.Tenzin Deden (B) as Assistant accountant
4. Ven. Thubten Chodon as Main Senior Cashier
5. Ven.Angdue Lamo as Assistant Cashier
6. Ven. Tenzin Chodon as Secretary
7. Ven.Tinley Chozom as Joint Secretary. The seven-member Board comprises of a director (our) Director Philosophy teacher) and six nuns take full responsibility for the management of Jamyang Choling Institute. The Board held a meeting every three months to discuss the administration education, and health, as well as to problem solve, make decision and plan for the Institute's future.

Jamyang Choling Insitute is unique and among the first Tibetan Buddhist women's educational projects to be fully managed and administered by its own community of nuns and most of our students now have language skills, to communicate directly with officials both local people and the international community.

Jang Gumchoe/nuns annual debate:

From Jamyang Choling Institute 29 nuns, 2 girls and one Geshe Philosophy teachers attended Jang Gun-Choe nun's annual debate at Gaden Choling Nunnery from October 1st November 3rd 2015.

Participation

Ven. Dolma Tsering and, Ven.Jamyang Choezom participate for Conference on Development of education of four Major Tibetan Buddhist schools & Bon Tradition from 14 to 17 May 2015, at Gyuto Monastery Dharamsala Organized by Department of Religion & Cultute, CTA.

Ven.Tenzin Zangmo, Ven.Lobsang Palmo, Ven.Tenzin Lhadon,Ven.Thubten Chodon, Ven.Sonam Dekyi, Ven. Nima Lamo,Ven Tinley Chzozom,Ven. Rinchen Pal, Ven Choeying Zangmo, and Ven. Thubten Dolkar participate the first Gelug Conference from 23rd to 25th June 2015 at TCV upper school Organized by Gelug committee.

Ven. Tenzin Lhadon, Ven. Lobsang Dolma Ven. Tenzin Norzin, Ven. Choeying Zangmo, Ven Lobsang Lhamo,participate for mind and life Conference at Sara Monastery from 14th to 17th December 2015.

In month of December 7th our students gave the annual exam papers and in the month of December 15th our students and teachers went to Sara Monastery south India to attend His Holiness the Dalai Lama's Lim Rim teaching.

How we have used your financial contribution"

The financial contributions we have received have been very beneficial to us. Due to our extensive expenses and the rising cost of living in India it was difficult year for Jamyang Choling financially. We did our best to provide educational facilities, food, accommodation, and healthcare to cover the basic needs of all of our 125 nuns, five lay students and our teachers.

We were only able to carry on due to your support and we offer our sincere thanks and appreciation for your kindness. We truly appreciate your great generosity and kind support which has made for great positive change in terms of our education, well-being and the smooth functioning of the Institute.

Future Plans:

Roofed roof Jamyang Choling nuns practice debate, their primary learning method, for two sessions a day. Currently they have 3 hours when they do their debate practice outside on the grass. During the rainy season they are unable to continue with their debates outdoors and so their studies are affected. We would like to build a roofed debate area so the students can practice debate during the monsoon.

Right now we have long waiting list of about 50 nuns and some lay students. But we have decided to offer new admission for 25-30 new students in Febary 2016.

This means that our expense definitely increases. We will put forth every our effort to serve the new arrival students, these students will come from Himalayan communities and Tibetan exile community as in our communities the youth take special interest learning the Buddha Dharma but many of them are lack of teachers and facilities. So we feel it would be wonderful opportunity if Jamyang Choling Institute provides spiritual education in any society is very essential.

It is our sincere and genuine hope that you will be able to continue to provide us with financial assistance and we would appreciate your assistance in telling your interested friends about our mission and our needs. Your contributions make it possible for more sincere nuns and lay girls to benefit from authentic Dharma study and practice. We thank all our supporters and friends for your generous and caring support for our educational program, which we value so much.

We always do our best to keep expenses as low as humanly possible. We are also grateful to those who have donated their time and energy to our nunnery, and to those who have encouraged and appreciated our work.

Your support is indispensable for our ongoing success, and we give thanks and prayers for the well being of all our supporters and friends each day. We wholeheartedly thank you for your continuing support of Jamyang Choling Institute.

Tashi Delek and kindest regards from the heart.

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