

THE GREAT KAGYU SANGHA MONLAM
has been held at the sacred site of
Bodh Gaya since 1983. Vast and pro-
found aspirations are made during
these prayer gatherings for the peace
and well being of the world and for
the continuous flourishing of the Bud-
dha's teachings. The enriching spiri-
tual presence and the dignity of these
Monlam gatherings have earned the
appreciation and confidence of all.
The great and noble activity is the
cause of increasing joyful outlook, vir-
tues and goodness. In order to pre-
serve this worthy tradition, the
Monlam Organizing Committee is in-
viting people to become supporting
members for the ongoing Monlam
program. Through this letter I would
like to welcome all interested individu-
als and encourage you to become
members. Your kind support will be
put to good use, and it is my earnest
prayer that it may bring about the
benefit and well being of all."

Karmapa Ogyen Trinlay Dorje
October 30, 2004
Buddhist Year 2548



What is the Kagyu Monlam?

The Official International Kagyu Monlam is a festive prayer ceremony dedicated to increasing world peace and harmony. It is held each year in a very sacred place, Bodh Gaya, India. At the Great Stupa, under the Maha Bodhi Tree, by the Vajra Seat, which is where the Buddha attained enlightenment. Monlam, which means Aspiration in Tibetan, is held during the 8th-15th days of the 11th month of the Tibetan calendar. The pageantry and traditions were established hundreds of years ago. In 1983 Kyabje Dorje Chang Kalu Rinpoche re-established the ceremony, which now hosts over five thousand ordained monks and nuns and as many as ten thousand pilgrims.

The organizers of the International Kagyu Monlam invite ordained sangha from all of the Kagyu monasteries in India, Tibet, Nepal, Bhutan, and Sikkim. Pilgrims of every tradition from around the world are always welcome to attend for all or part of the eight day gathering. His Holiness the 17th Gyalwa Karmapa, Orgyen Trinle Dorje, has presided over the International Kagyu Monlam since 2001. Many great masters and teachers have attended including His Holiness the 14th Dali Lama (1999 & 2000), H.E. Tai Situ Rinpoche, H.E. Jomgon Kontrul Rinpoche, H.E. Gyaltsab Rinpoche, Kyabje Yangsi Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche, Kyabje Yangsi Kalu Rinpoche, Kyabje Bokar Rinpoche, Kenchen Thrangu Rinpoche, Kyabje Mingyur Rinpoche, and many other great masters.

The Need for Sponsors, Members & Donors:

As the Kagyu Monlam grows, the benefits increase and the costs climb. In recent years international currency fluctuations have also had an adverse impact. Many do not realize that the organizers provide free travel, lodging, food, and texts for over five thousand ordained monks and nuns. Your donations are also used for: butter lamps, saffron water bowls, tsok, storage fees, communications equipment, and special offerings to His Holiness and other Kagyu Masters.

Friends of Kagyu Monlam Membership:

The International Kagyu Monlam also offers Membership. To become a Friend of Kagyu Monlam member it is not necessary to attend the Monlam. Participating as a Friend of Kagyu Monlam can be a satisfying way of actively contributing to world peace and harmony. Members receive: a membership card, discounted lodging, reservation assistance, reserved group seating, group interviews with His Holiness; meals with Lamas, special guests, Rinpoches, and organizers, plus special email announcements.

Honoring the Deceased:

At various times throughout the Monlam the names of deceased relatives, loved ones and teachers, that have been registered, are read out loud. In addition, the paper registry, with all names written on it, is burned in a special ceremony. This brings blessings to the deceased in the bardo or in their current incarnation. Any number of names may be registered.

Sponsorships Memberships and Donations

Sign me up for (Amounts in US Dollars):

_____ Friends of Kagyu Monlam Member- ship	\$111.00
_____ Light offering	\$60.00
_____ Sponsorship of Flower offering for one day	\$130.00
_____ Sponsorship of one Tea offering for sangha	\$150.00
_____ Sponsorship of one Bread offering for sangha	\$250.00
_____ Sponsorship of Butter Lamp offering for one day	\$350.00
_____ Sponsorship of one Meal offering for sangha	\$1,250.00
_____ Sponsorship of one Full Day's Meal offering	\$3,600.00
_____ General Fund Donation (Any amount you wish.)	\$ _____
_____ Honoring the Deceased (Any amount you wish-per name.)	
<i>Name(s) of Deceased:</i>	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
	TOTAL: \$ _____

Sponsors Members and Donors will have their names read out loud when traditional offerings are presented.

For residents of India, Nepal, Tibet, Sikkim and Bhutan the annual membership fee is Rs. 2,500 (IC)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Membership cards, where applicable, will be sent to the above address

**From North America, South America, and
Europe:**

Please make funds payable to:
Kagy Monlam Fund

And send to: Kagyu Monlam Fund
HC 81 box 6017
Questa, NM 87556-9714, USA

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Account #: 1291560
HC 81 Box 6017,
Questa NM USA 87556-9714

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