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Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income TaxUnder section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)► Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form
► The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

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A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning

, 2009, and ending

, 20

B Check if applicable

Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type.
See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization
Nyingma Centers, Inc.
Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address)
2425 Hillside Avenue
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
Berkeley, CA 94704

D Employer identification number

94-2453435

E Telephone number

510-841-8063

F Group Exemption Number ►

• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Accounting Method Cash Accrual
Other (specify) ►

I Website: ►

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — 501(c) () ▶ (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527K Check ► if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ► \$

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)

Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1 146,738.00
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2 264,713.88
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3
	4 Investment income	4 1,585.73
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c 0.00
	6 Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>	
	a Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a
Expenses	b Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b
	c Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c 0.00
	7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a
	b Less: cost of goods sold	7b
	c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c 0.00
	8 Other revenue (describe ►)	8 0.00
	9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8 ►	9 413,037.61
	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10 369,872.15
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11
Net Assets	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15
	16 Other expenses (describe ► administrative, property & liability insurances)	16 92,759.93
	17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ►	17 462,632.08
	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18 -49,594.47
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19 131,266.19
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ►	21 81,671.72

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See the instructions for Part II.)

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	131,266.19	22 81,671.72
23 Land and buildings	0.00	23 0.00
24 Other assets (describe ►)	0.00	24 0.00
25 Total assets	131,266.19	25 81,671.72
26 Total liabilities (describe ►)	0.00	26 0.00
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	131,266.19	27 81,671.72

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions for Part III.)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? **Tibetan Buddhist education**

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

28	Nyingma student assistance for 40-60 full-time students training extensively in Buddhist religion. Support for 4 full-time retreatants. Community outreach for approximately 10-25 participants in learning Buddhist sacred art and text preservation projects.		
	(Grants \$ 88,774.65) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28a	88,774.65
29	Honorarium royalties for the Head Lama (abbot), and dedicated for support of retreat facilities		
	(Grants \$ 15,900.00) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	15,900.00
30	Teaching materials including sacred Buddhist texts for 500 shedras (Nyingma monastic colleges) in India, Nepal, Tibet, Sikkim, and Bhutan; curriculum and workshops for teaching programs		
	(Grants \$ 265,197.50) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	265,197.50
31	Other program services (attach schedule)		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	► <input type="checkbox"/>	32 369,872.15

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated. (See the instructions for Part IV.)

Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity 33 ✓

34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes 34 ✓

35 If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T

a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements? 35a ✓

b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on **Form 990-T** for this year?

36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N 36 ✓

37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ► 37a

b Did the organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?

38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?

b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b

39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:

a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a

b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b

40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under:

section 4911 ► 0.00 ; section 4912 ► 0.00 ; section 4955 ► 0.00

b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I 40b ✓

c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 40c

d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization 40e ✓

e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T.

41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ► California42a The organization's books are in care of ► Carolyn Pasternak Telephone no. ► 707-785-2093
Located at ► 33755 Tin Barn Road, Cazadero, CA ZIP + 4 ► 95421

b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?

If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ►

See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for **Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts**.c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ►43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of **Form 1041**—Check here □ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ► 43

44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ

45 Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ

	Yes	No
33	✓	
34	✓	
35a	✓	
35b	✓	
36	✓	
37a	✓	
37b	✓	
38a	✓	
38b		
39a		
39b		
40b		
40c		
40e		

	Yes	No
42b	✓	
42c	✓	

	Yes	No
44	✓	
45	✓	

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46–49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

		Yes	No
46	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	46	✓
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47	✓
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48	✓
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	✓
b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b	✓
50	Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."		

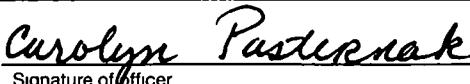
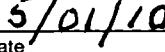
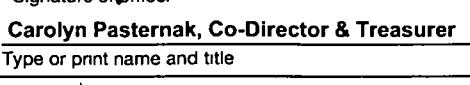
	(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
None					

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ►

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

	(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None			

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ►

Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.		
	 Carolyn Pasternak Signature of officer		
	 5/01/10 Date		
 Carolyn Pasternak, Co-Director & Treasurer Type or print name and title			
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature 	Date	Check if self-employed ► <input type="checkbox"/> Preparer's identifying number (See instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 	EIN ► 	Phone no ► 

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ►

Yes No

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ► See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization

Employer identification number

94 | 2453435

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.

2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E.)

3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.

4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____

5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)

6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.

7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)

8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)

9 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33½ % of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33½ % of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)

10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.

11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.

a Type I b Type II c Type III—Functionally integrated d Type III—Other

e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**.

f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box

g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?

(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?

(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

SCHEDULE E
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schools

OMB No 1545-0047

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Name of the organization

Nyingma Centers, Inc.

Employer identification number

94 2453435

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 13,

or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 48.

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

1 Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?

	YES	NO
1	✓	
2	✓	
3	✓	

2 Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?

3 Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," please describe. If "No," please explain. If you need more space, use Schedule O (Form 990)

It is a founding principle of the Buddhist religion upon which the organization is based, that all persons are embraced with equanimity and without discrimination, judgment, or prejudice. The cultivation of this attitude is a fundamental purpose of instruction and practice within the organization.

4 Does the organization maintain the following?

- a** Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?
- b** Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?
- c** Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?
- d** Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions?

If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. If you need more space, use Schedule O (Form 990).

4a	✓
4b	✓
4c	✓
4d	✓

5 Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to:

- a** Students' rights or privileges?
- b** Admissions policies?
- c** Employment of faculty or administrative staff?
- d** Scholarships or other financial assistance?
- e** Educational policies?
- f** Use of facilities?
- g** Athletic programs?
- h** Other extracurricular activities?

If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. If you need more space, use Schedule O (Form 990).

5a	✓
5b	✓
5c	✓
5d	✓
5e	✓
5f	✓
5g	✓
5h	✓

6a Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?

6a	✓
6b	✓

b Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended?

If you answered "Yes" to either line 6a or line 6b, explain on Schedule O (Form 990).

7 Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through 4.05 of Rev. Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," explain on Schedule O (Form 990)

7	✓
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