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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2012

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InspectionDepartment of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceUnder section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung
benefit trust or private foundation)

► The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning		, 2012, and ending	
B Check if applicable		C Name of organization Nyingma Centers	
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change		Doing Business As	
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change		Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return		Room/suite	
<input type="checkbox"/> Terminated		E Telephone number	
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return		2425 Hillside Avenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending		City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code	
		Berkeley, CA 94704	
		F Name and address of principal officer Carolyn Pasternak, CFO 33755 Tin Barn Road, Cazadero, CA 95421	
I Tax-exempt status		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
		H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		If "No," attach a list (see instructions)	
J Website: ►		H(c) Group exemption number ►	
K Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ►		L Year of formation 1976	M State of legal domicile CA

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities	To promote, teach and disseminate the Tibetan Nyingma traditions of Buddhism and to make those teachings available to the West in forms appropriate to the contemporary world. To encourage, assist and cooperate with related non-profit organizations having the same or similar goals. To develop, operate admin. and train in education programs, the principles of Tibetan Nyingma Buddhism in related orgs. worldwide		
	2 Check this box ► <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets			
Revenue	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3 5		
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4 5		
Expenses	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2012 (Part V, line 2a)	5 0		
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6 5		
Net Assets or Fund Balances	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a 0		
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b 0		
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	321	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	APR 12 2013	107,264	409,858
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	IRS OSC	112,892	149,903
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	OPEN 11T	82	21
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		0	0
			220,238	559,782
	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		150,618	449,471
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0	0
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		0	0
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0	0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ►		0	
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)		94,047	86,229
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		244,665	535,700	
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12		-24,427	24,082	
		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year	
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)		40,103	64,184	
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)		0		
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20		40,103	64,184	

Part II Signature Block

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.

Sign Here	Carolyn Pasternak		Date 4/11/2013
	Signature of officer	Carolyn Pasternak, CFO	
	Type or print name and title		

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name ►	Firm's EIN ►			
	Firm's address ►	Phone no			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

 Yes No

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Form 990 (2012)

Part III · Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission.
To promote, teach and disseminate the Tibetan Nyingma traditions of Buddhism and to make those teachings available to the West in forms appropriate to the contemporary world. To encourage, assist and cooperate with related non-profit organizations having the same or similar goals. To develop, operate, administer and train in education programs, the tenets, principles, practices and rituals of Tibetan Nyingma Buddhism, in related organizations throughout the world

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a (Code _____) (Expenses \$ 317,000 including grants of \$ 317,000) (Revenue \$ 0) Curriculum materials (sacred Buddhist texts) for 500 shedras (Nyingma monastic schools and colleges) in India, Nepal, Tibet, Sikkim, and Bhutan in traditional Nyingma Buddhist monasteries, 200,000 of 400,000 textbooks produced and shipped to Bodh Gaya, India in December 2012, for distribution at the Nyingma Monlam World Peace Ceremony in January, 2013

4b (Code _____) (Expenses \$ 98,822 including grants of \$ 98,822) (Revenue \$ 0)
Scholarships for monks and nuns on retreat in Chokyab Gar Center and Yachen Gar Retreat Center (\$19,491)
Support for Tarthang Monastery in Eastern Tibet, reconstruction of temple destroyed by fire (\$71,811)
Support for Sarnath Nyingma Institute in Sarnath, India (overhead expenses) (\$16,520)
The first and second above-described support provided to the mother church TNMC, for distribution to the located described. The support for Sarnath Nyingma Institute provided as a direct grant to the Institute's bank account located in California

4c (Code _____) (Expenses \$ 36,715 including grants of \$ 33,649) (Revenue \$ 149,903)
On-going curriculum development, teacher training, sacred art production training, ritual ceremony training, training in fund-raising, in four affiliated international Buddhist centers involving 26 teachers, 10 sacred art project coordinators, 4 fundraisers, 30 days of on-site training in 4 international centers. Income from all such training \$149,903.
Nyingma student assistance for average 12 full-time students from January through May, 2012, training extensively in Buddhist religion.
Support includes living expense stipends and food allowance (\$28,649).
Support for the abbot of the Odiyan Buddhist Retreat Center (\$5,000).
Additional programmatic expense - \$3,066 travel.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses ► 452,536

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1 ✓	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	2 ✓	
3	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	3 ✓	
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4 ✓	
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5 ✓	
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I	6 ✓	
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7 ✓	
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8 ✓	
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	9 ✓	
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10 ✓	
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	11a ✓	
b	Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII	11b ✓	
c	Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII	11c ✓	
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	11d ✓	
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11e ✓	
f	Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11f ✓	
12 a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	12a ✓	
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional	12b ✓	
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13 ✓	
14 a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a ✓	
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14b ✓	
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	15 ✓	
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	16 ✓	
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)	17 ✓	
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18 ✓	
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19 ✓	
20 a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a ✓	
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b ✓	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

		Yes	No
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to any government or organization in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21	✓
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22	✓
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23	✓
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K If "No," go to line 25	24a	✓
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b	✓
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c	✓
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d	✓
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a	✓
b	Is the organization 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	25b	✓
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highest compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26	✓
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27	✓
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)		
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a	✓
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b	✓
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c	✓
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29	✓
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30	✓
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31	✓
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	32	✓
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301 7701-2 and 301 7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	33	✓
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	34	✓
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	✓
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35b	✓
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36	✓
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	37	✓
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	✓

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	1
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	0
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	2b	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	✓
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b	
4a	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)?	4a	✓
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ► See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	✓
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	✓
5c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c	
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a	✓
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a	✓
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	✓
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	✓
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	✓
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h	
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8	
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?	13a	
Note.	See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O		
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b	
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c	
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	14b	

Part VI · Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions. Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.	1a 5	
1b		1b 5	
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2 ✓	
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3 ✓	
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4 ✓	
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5 ✓	
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6 ✓	
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a ✓	
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b ✓	
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
a	The governing body?	8a ✓	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b ✓	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O.	9 ✓	

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code)

	Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a ✓
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	10b ✓
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a ✓
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.	12a ✓
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12b ✓
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12c ✓
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done.	13 ✓
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	14 ✓
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	15a ✓
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?	15b ✓
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	16a ✓
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)	16b ✓
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► California

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.

Own website Another's website Upon request Other (explain in Schedule O)

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization ► Carolyn Pasternak, 33755 Tin Barn Road, Cazadero, CA 9542

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

 Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII
Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

List persons in the following order individual trustees or directors, institutional trustees, officers, key employees, highest compensated employees, and former such persons

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated			
(1) Leslie Bradburn									
Director, President	20	✓		✓	✓		0	0	0
(2) Carolyn Pasternak									
Director, Treasurer	20	✓		✓	✓		0	0	0
(3) Helena Gold									
Director, Secretary	40	✓		✓	✓		0	0	0
(4) Arnaud Maitland									
Director	1	✓					0	0	0
(5) Caroline Van Tuyl									
Director	0						0	0	0
(6)									
(7)									
(8)									
(9)									
(10)									
(11)									
(12)									
(13)									
(14)									

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations	
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated				Former
(15)										
(16)										
(17)										
(18)										
(19)										
(20)										
(21)										
(22)										
(23)										
(24)										
(25)										
1b Sub-total							►	0	0	0
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A							►			
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							►	0	0	0
2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ►										

3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	3	Yes	No
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	4	Yes	No
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person	5	Yes	No

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ►	0	

Part VIII Statement of RevenueCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VIII

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a			
	b Membership dues	1b			
	c Fundraising events	1c			
	d Related organizations	1d			
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e			
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	409,858		
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$				
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		409,858			
Program Service Revenue	2a assessment for Buddhist training	Business Code			
	b curriculum, rituals, training in prod.		135,418		
	c of Buddhist artwork				
	d workshops, on-line programs,		14,485		
	e programs in 4 internat'l ctrs.				
	f All other program service revenue				
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		149,903		
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		21		21
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds				
	5 Royalties				
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real			
	b Less. rental expenses				
	c Rental income or (loss)				
	d Net rental income or (loss)				
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities			
	b Less. cost or other basis and sales expenses				
	c Gain or (loss)				
	d Net gain or (loss)				
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a			
b Less direct expenses	b				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events					
9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a				
b Less direct expenses	b				
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a				
b Less: cost of goods sold	b				
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code				
11a					
b					
c					
d All other revenue					
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d					
12 Total revenue. See instructions		559,782			

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A)

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX

<i>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States See Part IV, line 21	420,822	420,822		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States See Part IV, line 22	28,649	28,649		
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	3,498		3,498	
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)				
12 Advertising and promotion	9,601		9,601	
13 Office expenses	5,279		5,279	
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel	3,065	3,065		
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	21,000		21,000	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a support for Odiyan Buddhist Retreat Ctr	32,687		32,687	
b health ins for non-employee teachers	11,100		11,100	
c				
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	535,700	452,536	83,164	
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation Check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X^a Balance SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	24,792	1 5,921
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	15,309	2 58,261
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	4	
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L	5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L	6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	
	b Less. accumulated depreciation	10b	10c
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	2 11	2
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	12	
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11	13	
	14 Intangible assets	14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	15	
	16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	40,103	16 64,184
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	17	
	18 Grants payable	18	
	19 Deferred revenue	19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D	21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L	22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D	25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	0	26 0
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.		
	27 Unrestricted net assets	27	
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.		
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	40,103	32 64,184
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	40,103	33 64,184
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	40,103	34 64,184

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	559,782
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	535,700
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	24,082
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	40,103
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	64,184

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 Cash Accrual Other _____
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O

2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? _____
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both.
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis

b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? _____
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both.
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis

c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? _____
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.

3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? _____

b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits

	Yes	No
2a		✓
2b		✓
2c		
3a		
3b		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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.

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

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Name of the organization

Nyingma Centers

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 33 1/3% 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 33 1/3% 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Type I	b <input type="checkbox"/> Type II	c <input type="checkbox"/> Type III—Functionally integrated	d <input type="checkbox"/> Type III—Non-functionally integrated
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- 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?	<input type="checkbox"/>
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?	<input type="checkbox"/>
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?	<input type="checkbox"/>
- h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

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

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of monetary support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
(A)									
(B)									
(C)									
(D)									
(E)									
Total									

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants") . . .	142,000	146,738	138,811	107,264	409,858	944,671
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . .	0	0	0		0	0
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3 . . .	142,000	146,738	138,811	107,264	409,858	944,671
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						496,951
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						447,720

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4 . . .	142,000	146,738	138,811	107,264	409,858	944,671
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . .	-876	1,586	577	82	21	1,390
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						946,061
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) . . .				12		0
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						► <input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) . . .	14	47 %
15 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . .	15	n/a %
16a 33 1/3% support test—2012. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . .		► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b 33 1/3% support test—2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . .		► <input type="checkbox"/>
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2012. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . .		► <input type="checkbox"/>
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . .		► <input type="checkbox"/>
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions . . .		► <input type="checkbox"/>

SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990,
Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.

► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization

Nyingma Centers

Employer identification number

94-2453435

Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b

1 **For grantmakers.** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No

2 **For grantmakers.** Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States

3 Activities per Region (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed.)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (e.g., fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in region
(1) Europe	2	0	program services	see Part V	3065
(2) South America	2	0	program services	see Part V	0
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					
(8)					
(9)					
(10)					
(11)					
(12)					
(13)					
(14)					
(15)					
(16)					
(17)					
3a Sub-total					3065
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I					
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)					3065

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed

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1	(a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of non-cash assistance	(h) Description of non-cash assistance	(i) Method of validation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)									
(2)									
(3)									
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(10)									
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(12)									
(13)									
(14)									
(15)									
(16)									

2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 16.

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of non-cash assistance	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)							
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Part IV Foreign Forms

1 Was the organization a U.S. transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, *Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation* (see Instructions for Form 926) Yes No

2 Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 3520, *Annual Return to Report Transactions with Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts*, and/or Form 3520-A, *Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner* (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A) Yes No

3 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, *Information Return of U.S. Persons With Respect To Certain Foreign Corporations*. (see Instructions for Form 5471) Yes No

4 Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, *Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund*. (see Instructions for Form 8621) Yes No

5 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, *Return of U.S. Persons With Respect To Certain Foreign Partnerships* (see Instructions for Form 8865) Yes No

6 Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5713, *International Boycott Report* (see Instructions for Form 5713) Yes No

Part V**Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds), Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method, amounts of investments vs expenditures per region), Part II, line 1 (accounting method), Part III (accounting method), and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions)

Part I, line 3(1) and (2) programservices included all of the following in four affiliated organizations located in the Netherlands, Germany, and two in Brazil. In general, educational training in the Nyingma school of Buddhism including curriculum development, teacher training, advanced study and practice, training in Buddhist rituals, ceremonies, religious practices, educational training in traditional Buddhist arts of sculpting, metal casting, fabrication of sacred religious objects; training in reproduction of sacred Buddhist texts, training in the Tibetan language, scriptural text preservation

\$3,065 of travel expenses were incurred in relation to the program services. There were no employment-related costs (salaries, wages, etc.) as all services were provided by officers of Nyingma Centers, volunteering their services. There were no rent costs as the offices were located in facilities provided by the mother church, TNMC

SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

► Attach to Form 990.

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Name of the organization

Nyngma Centers

Name of the organization	Employer identification number
Nyngma Centers	94-2453435

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No

2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) Head Lama of the Tibetan Nyngma Meditation Center	23-7072008	501(c)(3)	317,000	0			See Part IV
(2) 2425 Hillside Ave., Berkeley, CA							
(3) Head Lama of the Tibetan Nyngma Meditation Center	23-707-200	501(c)(3)	98,822	0			See Part IV
(4) 2425 Hillside Ave., Berkeley, CA							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table

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Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed

	(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
1 Living Expense Stipend	11 average/mo.		15,443	0	n/a	n/a
2 Room and Board	11 average/mo		13,206	0	n/a	n/a
3 Grant to Head Lama	1		5,000	0	n/a	n/a
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7						

Part IV Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information

Part I \$317,000 grants provided to the mother church TNMC, for production and printing of 400,000 sacred Buddhist scriptures (books) donated free of charge to Nyingma shedras (schools and colleges) in Tibet, India, Bhutan, Nepal, and Sikkim, annual audit of book production and expenses therein required of use of funds to demonstrate consistency with purpose

Part II \$98,822 grants provided for (1) rebuilding destroyed temple at Tarthang Monastery in Tibet (\$71,811), (2) scholarships for students at Chokyab Gar and Yachen Gar retreat centers in Eastern Tibet (\$10,491), and (3) to support overhead at Sarnath Nyingma Institute in India (\$16,520). All grants provided to mother church. Annual report of use of funds required.

Part III 12 students average received scholarship support from January through May, 2012 in the form of living expense stipends, room and board \$28,649 total grants. Financial books, receipts maintained for all expenditures

Part III \$5,000 grant the abbot of the mother church TNMC for living expenses

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Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Name of the organization
Nyingma Centers

Employer identification number
94-2453435

Part III, Line 3. In September, 2012, Nyingma Centers filed amended Articles of Incorporation, and simultaneously amended its Bylaws. Its mission changed from being a section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii) school, to more broadly, a section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from the general public. As such, it now has a broader mission of (1) supporting the mother church TNMC's Odiyan Retreat Center and Yeshe De Text Preservation Project, and (2) setting up and guiding other related non-profit organizations sharing similar goals to those of TNMC, by developing, conducting, and administering (1) education programs, (2) projects in the creation and production of sacred Buddhist art, (3) preservation of sacred Buddhist texts, (4) ritual practices, ceremonies and retreats as presented in the Nyingma Buddhist teachings, (5) supporting the restoration of retreat centers, temples, monasteries, schools, training centers, and other similar centers in Tibet

Part VI, Section A, Line 2. Directors Arnaud Maitland and Caroline Van Tuyl are married to each other

Part VI, Section A, Line 4. See information provided for Part III, Line 3 above

Part VI, Section B, Line 11b. No review was or will be conducted

Part VI, Section B, Line 19. No documents are available to the public

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

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Name of the organization

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.
► Attach to Form 990 ► See separate instructions.

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(2) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(3) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(4) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(5) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(6) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?
(1) Nyingma Centrum, Reguliersgracht 25, 1017 LJ Amsterdam, Netherlands Tax I.D. # 41204062	non-profit religious	Netherlands	Exempt	n/a	Nyingma Centers	✓
(2) Nyingma Zentrum Deutschland, Sietachstrasse 66, 50733 Köln, Germany Tax I.D. # 21715959/0984 (Köln North tax authorities)	non-profit religious	Germany	Exempt	n/a	Nyingma Centers	✓
(3) Instituto Nyingma do Brasil, Av Professor Fonseca Rodrigues, Alto de Pinheiros, São Paulo, Brazil Tax I.D # 56951304/00001-99	non-profit religious	Brazil	Exempt	n/a	Nyingma Centers	✓
(4) Associação Cultural do Grupo Nyingma do Rio de Janeiro, Rua Casuarina 297 Humaitá, Rio de Janeiro, RJ Brazil CEP 22261-16	non-profit religious	Brazil	Exempt	n/a	Nyingma Centers	✓
(5) Tax I.D # CNPJ 00704538/0001-87	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(6) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(7) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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Part III **Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.)

(a) Name address and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?	(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?	(k) Percentage ownership
(1) none										
(2)										
(3)										
(4)										
(5)										
(6)										
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Part IV **Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.)

(a) Name address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	(j) Yes	(k) No
(1) none										
(2)										
(3)										
(4)										
(5)										
(6)										
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Part V Transactions With Related Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.)**Note:** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

	Yes	No
1a Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties or (iv) rent from a controlled entity	1a ✓	
1b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)	1b ✓	
1c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)	1c ✓	
1d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)	1d ✓	
1e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)	1e ✓	
1f Dividends from related organization(s)	1f ✓	
1g Sale of assets to related organization(s)	1g ✓	
1h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)	1h ✓	
1i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)	1i ✓	
1j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)	1j ✓	
1k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)	1k ✓	
1l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)	1l ✓	
1m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)	1m ✓	
1n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)	1n ✓	
1o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)	1o ✓	
1p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses	1p ✓	
1q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses	1q ✓	
1r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)	1r - ✓	
1s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)	1s ✓	

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds

	(a) Name of other organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

Part VI **Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 37.)

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under section 512-514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?	(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership partner?
									Yes	No	
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Part VII Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions).

Part II detailed explanation Each of the international entities described in Part II has a mission that is consistent with the mission of Nyingma Centers, as described in Form 990, Part I, #1 To promote, teach and disseminate the Tibetan Nyingma traditions of Buddhism and to make those teachings available to the West in forms appropriate to the contemporary world To encourage, assist and cooperate with related non-profit organizations having the same or similar goals To develop, operate, administer and train in education programs, the tents, principles, practices and rituals of Tibetan Nyingma Buddhism