Annual Membership Commitment

All are welcome at Drepung Gomang Center for Engaging Compassion – to visit our shrine room, to enjoy weekly meditation, to receive teachings, and to attend community events.

DGCEC Members are people who are willing to make a deeper commitment to our vision and mission.

You are warmly invited to renew or commit to membership at DGCEC through sharing your talent, time and financial commitment.

Membership Commitment Builds Strong Community

Sangha or Interfaith Member
DGCEC offers two types of membership.

✓ Sangha Member: a person who has taken Buddhist Refuge Vows, is preparing to take Refuge Vows at DGCEC in the future, or is a committed student of Tibetan Buddhism
✓ Interfaith Member: a friend from another or no faith tradition who is committed to the support of center and its mission, including the teaching of compassion from a secular perspective

Basic Annual Membership
- Individual Member: $50
- Family Membership: $110 (3 or more)
- Student Membership: $35
- Senior Membership: $35
- Those living on a fixed or low income are invited to talk to staff about an affordable level

Membership dues are not tax-deductible, as defined by law.

Memberships are for one year, effective at date of signing. Please present member card for discounts.

Membership Benefits
We thank you for your support and offer these benefits to DGCEC Members:

- Annual Member Retreat
- Member Discount on DGCEC programs as noted in promotional materials
- Member Discount on retreat room use
- Guidance by our Geshes through classes and prayer offerings
- Periodic E-Newsletter for Members
- Borrowing Privileges from DGCEC’s expanded library
- 10% Discount in the Tibetan Marketplace and occasional member-only sales
Sustaining Member
Your commitment to a monthly pledge in addition to the base membership helps us build a responsible budget and meet the expenses of running both a Dharma and an Educational Center. Please make a monthly pledge that fits your financial situation.

Circle of Friends
Supporters able to share a donation of $1000 or more a year become part of the DGCEC Compassion Circle.

DGCEC, listed under our original incorporation name Drepung Gomang Institute, is a 501c3 non-profit organization and all donations are tax-deductible. Your financial information is confidential and will not be shared with others.

Your Time is Precious to DGCEC
Please consider sharing some of your time to increase the health of DGCEC. Committees include: Hospitality, Building and Grounds, Fundraising, Merchandise, Sacred Arts Tour Committee, and Special Events. We are also grateful for help with cleaning the center and grounds, preparing food for events, and providing transportation for our Geshes.

Connecting Your Talent with DGCEC’s Needs
Your skills are a gift! Consider which special talents you would like to share to help grow our center.

We Envision
An enlightened, peaceful community transformed through Tibetan Buddhist philosophy and the practice of engaged compassion

Our Mission
As the North American Seat of Drepung Gomang Monastery, DGCEC is a welcoming community that
• offers opportunities to study and practice Tibetan Buddhism
• raises awareness of the endangered Tibetan culture and associated human rights issues
• provides programs relating to the practice of universal human values, interfaith dialogue and peacemaking as inspired by His Holiness the Dalai Lama
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“Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.” Buddha Shakyamuni

Name/s _______________________________________________________ New _____ Renewal _____

Street ________________________________ City _______________ State _____ Zip Code _________

Preferred phone ________________________________ Email ________________________________

Signature/s ___________________________________________ Today’s Date_______________

I would like to commit as: _____ Sangha Member _____ Interfaith Member

Annual Membership
 unsus Individual: $50 _____ Family: $110 _____ Student: $35 _____ Senior: $35
_____ I would like to talk to a staff member about an adjusted rate to fit my financial ability.

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_____ $10 _____ $25 _____ $35 _____ $50 Other ________

Compassion Circle

Supporters able to make a donation of $1000 or more a year: _____ $1000 Other ________

_____ Check _____ Cash _____ PayPal (DrepungGomangUSA.org) _____ Credit Card (call 502-614-5616)

My Time and Talent

Please select areas in which you would like to volunteer (or continue volunteering)

_____ Hospitality _____ Building/Grounds _____ Fundraising

_____ Merchandise _____ Sacred Arts Tour _____ Special Events

_____ Cleaning the Center _____ Preparation of Food _____ Providing Transportation

I would like to offer these special skills. Please include reference to your experience.

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Thank you for your commitment to Drepung Gomang Center for Engaging Compassion!

Please drop off or mail to: DGCEC Membership, 411 N. Hubbards Lane, Louisville, KY 40207