



# ***Celebration Center for Spiritual Living***

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***Sunday, August 9, 2009***

- 10:20 AM Meditation and Chanting  
11:00 AM Chanting featured during Celebration Service  
1:30 PM Learn to inscribe Mani Stones with sacred mantras in this Tibetan Art Workshop. \$15 per person suggested gift of gratitude  
6:30 PM Pujas and Blessings\*

## ***Is delighted to present the Monks of Drepung Gomang Monastery***

Drepung Gomang 2008-09 Tour members are refugee monks now living at Drepung Gomang Monastery, a Tibetan monastery in south India.

Drepung was founded in 1416 near Lhasa, the capital of Tibet. In 1959, before the invasion of Communist China, Drepung Monastery had more than 10,000 monks; Gomang alone had about 5,500. In 1959, When Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama, was forced to flee his country. He was immediately followed by 80,000 refugees. Only about 100 monks of Drepung managed to escape with the Dalai Lama. In 1969, 62 of the surviving Gomang monks were given 42 acres of land in Mundgod, south India, where they are rebuilding Drepung Gomang. Today more than 1,800 monks live on these few acres. To ensure the monastery's survival, the monks of Drepung Gomang have established a sister organization, Drepung Gomang Institute (DGI) of Louisville, Kentucky.

\**Puja* is a Sanskrit word that means "offering." The monks chant prayers and perform rituals specific to the type of prayer being offered. Their primary purpose is to overcome negativities and promote spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical wellbeing. Individuals may arrange for private sessions such as house blessings and prayers for the sick at home or in the hospital.



***Be sure to join us for this enchanting time with the ...  
Drepung Gomang Monastery Monks***



*Drepung Gomang Tour*