



Chinmaya Mission Portland



Chinmaya Mission Portland chapter, is part of Chinmaya Mission Center in San Jose, and was started in 1996 endowed with Pujya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda's vision.

CMP has several sections in Balavihar for children from Pre-K through 12th Grade as well as Adult Study groups - all based on the Chinmaya Mission curriculum. Please visit our website for details on the grade-based curriculum.

CMP invites Acharyas from other CM centers to conduct Jnana Yagnas (lectures) on the Bhagavad Gita, Upanishads and other texts for adults.

Chinmaya Mission Portland has a library and bookstore that carries a collection of spiritual material in book, audio CD and DVD form. The bookstore is located at our mission and is open on Sundays immediately after the class meeting time. The book and CD/DVD collection is also available for sale on-site right after CMP sponsored events.

There are no classes during the Winter, Spring, and Summer break as well as all long holiday weekends. We meet on Sundays during school year (Sep – June) from 9:30AM to 11:00AM at:

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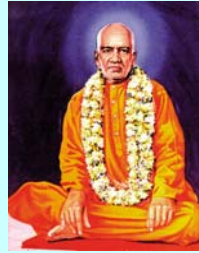
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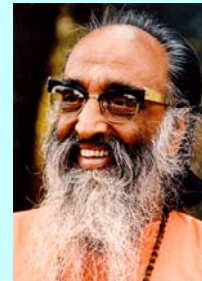
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Our Teachers

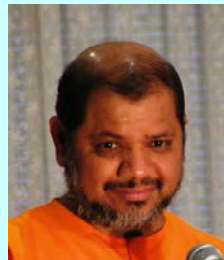


Sree Swami Tapovan Maharaj of Uttarkasi is the master from whom Pujya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda acquired the wealth of knowledge on Vedanta. He taught Gurudev all the virtues enumerated in the Seventeenth Chapter of Geeta constituting the three forms of Tapas - physical, verbal and mental.

Swami Chinmayananda is the founding father of Chinmaya Mission Worldwide. He was one of the world's foremost Vedantic scholars and one of India's most respected spiritual leaders. A gifted speaker, Swami Chinmayananda built an intense rapport with his audiences and communicated the teachings with vibrancy and wit. He taught Hindu philosophy in its most ancient and purest form, Vedanta, as it has been passed on from teacher to student since time immemorial.



Swami Tejomayananda is the current head of Chinmaya Mission world-wide, and he stands out as a teacher who is eloquent yet humble, putting into practice what he teaches as the right way of living. The spiritual call came to him in 1970 when he heard a Gita discourse given by



Swami Chinmayananda. He was inspired to join the Vedanta Course at Sandeepany Sadhanalaya in Bombay. On graduating as Brahmachari Vivek Chaitanya, he served the cause in the field for a few years. Then he was posted at Sandeepany Himalayas as Acharya and conducted a Brahmachari Training Course in Hindi. In 1983, he was initiated into Sannyasa by Pujya Gurudev and came to be known as Swami Tejomayananda.



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Other Activities

Community Service: Chinmaya Mission Portland is an all volunteer organization and takes part in various social service activities like food drive for the needy, neighborhood cleanup, nature conservancy projects etc a few times during the year.

Skits and presentations: Every year, the Balavihar children in each class are given an opportunity to participate in a skit or present what they have learned in class and how they intend to apply that knowledge in their life.

Volunteers

Chinmaya Mission is an all volunteer organization, and is always on the lookout for committed volunteers to support its various activities. Please check the mission webpage on details of volunteering or call the mission and leave a message.

Donations and Sponsorship

Chinmaya Mission Portland is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. We welcome donations from the community. Please visit our website and click on the "Membership" link site to donate: Your tax deductible donations will be used to support the various activities of the mission.





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Chinmaya Mission was founded in 1953 by devotees of Swami Chinmayananda in India. They formed the nucleus of a movement of spiritual renaissance that now encompasses a wide range of spiritual, educational and charitable activities, ennobling the lives of thousands in India and outside its shores. The Mission is administered by Central Chinmaya Mission Trust, Mumbai, headed by Swami Tejomayananda. Chinmaya Mission sponsors numerous schools in India where apart from the normal school curriculum children learn the Vedic heritage. There are also nursing and management schools to provide higher education. The spreading of the Vedantic knowledge is assured by continuous publishing and distributing Swamiji's books all over the world, done by CCMT Publication Division. In order to have the Vedantic knowledge brought to every corner of the world and every avenue of life Swamiji started ashrams in India and America where the new teachers, Brahmacharies / Brahmacharinies and Swamis/Swaminis of the Mission were trained according to the old gurukula tradition. The main ashrams in India are in Mumbai, and in the Himalayas in Sidhbari. Chinmaya Mission West headquarters is in Piercy California and there are Chinmaya Mission centers all around the world.

The Chinmaya Movement started as a crusade for spreading the message of the ancient scriptural texts of Hinduism. It branched out into various activities of selfless service. Swami Chinmayananda ushered in many projects that were tailor-made to suit the needs of the people whom the Chinmaya Mission served. With inspired and dedicated workers, the projects had a visible effect on the social and moral fibre of the community at large. Globally, the Chinmaya Movement became synonymous with acquiring knowledge of scriptures, having concern for humanity, and for rendering selfless service. Chinmaya Mission has also started free clinics, hospitals, vocational Hari Har schools, orphanages, and old peoples homes to serve the people and through them, the society.

BalaVihar & Yuva Kendra

Bala means child, *Vihar* means a place of love and joy. Balavihar is a place where children can learn about God and Hindu traditions in an environment that is filled with love and joy. When children become youth, they graduate to the Yuva Kendra, which literally means "Youth Center."



Good conduct, emotional refinement, intellectual finesse and spiritual awareness are developed by mature sevaks through fun and play, and through stories and bhajans. Swami Chinmayananda believed that just as the strength of a wall depends on the quality of each brick, so too, the health of a society depends on the individuals. If the individuals are healthy, the society is healthy.

Chinmaya Mission centers have become models for teaching India's rich spiritual heritage and the fundamentals of Vedanta to the next generation.

The classes are arranged according to Grades in Pre-Kindergarten through High School (Pre-K-12) during the Fall, Winter and Spring terms. An adult study group to help grown-ups address their children's questions as well as to provide guidance in their own spiritual quest is one of the unique and well sought-out features of Chinmaya Mission.



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Mission Statement

To provide to individuals, from any background, the wisdom of Vedanta and the practical means for spiritual growth and happiness, enabling them to become positive contributors to society.

Chinmaya Mission is a very dynamic organization, involved in a large number of services to fulfill Swami Chinmayananda's vision. The variety of services range from Self Knowledge, Seva Programs (Medical and Village Outreach/ Community Service) as well as programs for Children & Youth .



Pujya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda believed that service to one's fellow human beings is an integral part of one's spiritual evolution. He founded trusts to promote rural development and medical assistance to villagers around his centers.

For more information on Chinmaya Mission centers through out the world, and list of current activities, please visit

<http://www.chinmayamission.org>.