

**MANIFESTO
OF
MUMUKSHUS OF NORTH AMERICA (MONA)**
(उत्तर अमेरिका के मुमुक्षुओं का संगठन)

नमूं में तीर्थनायक को, नमूं ओमकारनाद को ।
ओमकार सुना समझा, नमूं उन मुनि कुंद को ।
अहो ! उपकार जिनवर का, कुंद का ध्वनि-दिव्य का ।
जिन-कुंद-ध्वनि दाता, अहो ! श्री गुरु कहान का ।

I bow down to Omniscient Lord,

I bow down to the divine preaching of Omniscient Lord,

**I bow down to the ascetic head-Acharya Shri Kundkundswami who
understood and deliberated the divine preaching of Omniscient Lord.**

**Therefore, I have been obliged by Omniscient Lord, by His divine preaching
and by teachings of Acharya Kundkundswami.**

**I am grateful to Shri Kahan Gurudev who kindly explained to me the
teachings of Omniscient Lord, and Acharya Kundkundswami.**

About MONA

MUMUKSHUS OF NORTH AMERICA (MONA) is a Jain organization that emphasizes learning Jain principles based on the message of Bhagwan Mahavir as stated and described in the Jain Scriptures (Paramagams). These Jain Scriptures were predominantly written and explained by Shri Kundkundacharya and other Acharyas, Saints and Scholars subsequent to him in his tradition, including Krupaludev Shrimad Rajchandra and Gurudevshri Kanji Swami.

MISSION STATEMENT

Bhagwan Mahavir, the last Tirthankar of the present era, provided a clear and well defined path to achieve eternal happiness and peace more than 2600 years ago. His messages and teachings were further explained by a succession of Shrutkevalies and learned Acharyas, such as Kundkundacharya, as documented in the Sanaatan (Eternal) Jain Scriptures. His followers provided much needed explanations and simplifications of these teachings, including the true nature of substances in general and our Soul in particular (Tatvagyan) for the benefit of all humans beings. The Mission of MONA is to make this knowledge

available to all seekers of true knowledge and eternal bliss (Mumukshus/Jignasus), thereby helping them to follow a path of liberation that ultimately leads to eternal happiness.

MONA OBJECTIVES

1. To raise awareness about Jain principles, primarily in children, young adults, and adults residing in North America.
2. To provide continuous education of Jain principles based on the Sanaatan Jain Scriptures (Dharma).
3. To create a forum to ask questions and discuss Jain principles with peers and teachers.
4. To facilitate access to the principles and practices of Sanaatan Jain Scriptures (Dharma) to the children, young adults and adults in North America.
5. To instill a sense of pride among Jain youth as well as adults about their heritage and to generate interest in learning about Jain principles.
6. To promote a common understanding of the basic Jain principles amongst youth and adults.

GENERAL POLICIES

1. The participation will be open to all irrespective of age.
2. There is no membership fee. However, each member will be required to register with the Coordinator and provide his/her name, address and phone number.
3. The members are expected to study at home before and after each session and should come prepared to take full advantage of the discussion by Scholars.
4. Members must make a commitment to participate on a regular basis to benefit from the education.
5. Members are expected to avoid any unnecessary interruptions and display mutual respect to all participants during all events.
6. The educational activities will be conducted by Scholars approved by MONA.
7. The classes will be conducted in English, Hindi, Gujarati or any other language mutually agreed upon by the participants and scholar(s).
8. We will take advantage of best available technology including telephone, video and web conferences within available resources.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES and ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

MONA will be managed by an Executive Board comprised of Volunteer Coordinators. It will be run on the basis of “Collective Leadership”. The MONA activities are currently divided in the following categories.

1. Pre Teen/Teen Pathshala 608: Educational Classes for Children
2. Young Adults Pathshala 608 (MONA_YJP): Educational Classes for Young adults and Professionals
3. Adult Education (Classes on Scriptures, Gyangosti, Vidvat Sangosti, etc.)
4. IT (web management, emailing, e-news letter, etc.)
5. Accounting
6. General Coordination
7. Long Term Planning
8. Special Projects (Summer Camp, Monthly Pooja, etc.)
9. Any other activity(ies) that may be taken up in the future

The structure of the Executive Board will be as follows:

1. Each Activity will be managed by a Coordinator with the help of other volunteer(s) as needed.
2. The remaining Coordinators will become the Advisory Panel members for the Activity under consideration.
3. There will be a General Coordinator who will provide communication between all Coordinators and look after the common functions such as public relation, general administration, communication with the supporting organizations, etc.

ORGANIZATION CHART

The current Organization Chart is attached herewith. It will be subject to addition, modification as needed in the future by the majority vote of the Executive Board.

BASIS OF ALL TEACHINGS

The source material that will be the foundation of all teachings will be based on the Scriptures written by Acharya Kundakund, other subsequent Acharyas, Saints and recognized Scholars in his tradition and their followers. Any books that follow the principles stated in the scriptures mentioned above will be used. These would include those published by Todarmal Smarak Trust, D. J. S. M. Songadh, Rajkot etc. and all teachings by Gurudev Kanjiswami and Krupaludev Shrimad Rajchandra. In case of differences in interpretation, disputes or disagreements, the written books or the audio tapes containing Gurudevshri Kanjiswami’s pravachan on the subject concerned shall govern.

SOURCE OF FUNDING

Since we have no membership fee, source of our funding may include items such as:

- seeking voluntary donations/contributions from participants and supporting organizations
- collecting registration fee for specific events such as Summer Camp

RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER LIKE MINDED ORGANIZATIONS

MONA will function as an independent organization. It will cooperate with other like-minded organizations as long as the activity concerned adheres to and is in accordance with MONA's stated goals and policies.

**सब आत्मा अरहंत हैं गुण-द्रव्य से जिनवर कहे ।
अरहंत हों पर्याय में भी - भावना "मोना" करे ॥**

Omniscient Lord preaches that every living being has soul as substance and also has infinite attributes and ever changing modes.

Each living being has potentials of Lord Arihant within his soul substance and attributes.

MONA wishes to have the same qualities of Lord Arihant to shine in each living being's modes.