**Celebrating Our New Labyrinth at the Nevada City Insight Center!**

**Summer Solstice 2015**

On the Day After Summer Solstice, we held a Blessing Ritual for our New Labyrinth.

The meditation hall was packed, and overflowing into the foyer. After our weekly meditation, we journeyed into the backyard for our Labyrinth walk and blessing.

Imagine 50+ people standing in a circle around the Labyrinth - calling in ‘all benevolent forces’ with a chant – offering a water blessing for our drought stricken land at the Japanese lantern stone water cairn.

One person at a time entering the Labyrinth, setting their intention, walking the path, each step blessing the earth, each step being blessed by the earth, sending Metta to each other, humming a Metta song together.

At the center, each one pauses to ring a bell, listening to the whole sound of the bell, sending the intention and blessings far and wide.

The best moment was when a young girl rang the bell - the entire community spontaneously paused in their walking and looked on in delight.

Standing in a circle around the Labyrinth singing together, dedicating the merit, and sharing company together in the twilight of the solstice time…..

In relation to the “Good News, Bad News, Who Knows” Story, in addition to celebrating our new place of practice on the land at the Center, we also raised almost $1500 for Nepal Relief for the two month anniversary of the great earthquake. Gratitude to all who have offered support of all kinds to those in difficulty in Nepal.

You are welcome to come and practice at the Labyrinth – enjoy!