

FROM THE EDITOR
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Challenging Changes

Much happiness to everyone in this new year! In the past few weeks, since the announcement of my assignment to this magazine, especially as we were taking this debut issue of *Living Buddhism* to press, many intense conversations, private and public, have been taking place in our publications office — about change. Changes in the magazine, changes in assignment, changes in our SGI-USA organization — all, I feel, evoking an exhilarating, deepened sense of mission toward achieving world peace and confidence in the upcoming century.

On a personal note, I'm awed by the fact that we will be greeting a *new* century in only four years. It seems like only yesterday that my parents first taught me about Nam-myoho-renge-kyo (I was 9, in Okinawa), and during the college years I spent in Hawaii, I was propelled into an unstoppable rhythm of activities for kosen-rufu that has continued to the present. Meeting SGI President Ikeda as a 19-year-old young women's division member created an indelible impression on my life; his guidance further boosting me during the ensuing years of discovering and strengthening my true self.

The more than two decades I spent with the *World Tribune* whizzed by, and I find myself at present faced with a great, new challenge. Thus I deeply appreciate the warm send-off of my *World Tribune* colleagues and equally warm welcome and generous patience of the *Living Buddhism* staff — and that of all our readers. As we tackle together the invigorating process of creating a monthly publication, we hope to help deepen our readers' study and understanding of Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism. We have received much feedback and anticipate even more from many of you as we make gradual improvements in the magazine. We wholeheartedly welcome your input.

So stick with us while we embark on an adventure of consensus-building journalism that suits your needs as practitioners of Nichiren Daishonin's teachings. With new designs and your continual support, we will do our utmost to improve on *Living Buddhism's* usefulness to all our valued readers.