

FROM THE EDITOR

THE whole world is gearing up for the new millennium, and we in the SGI-USA Publications office are no different. Embracing the inevitable changes that life continually offers, I am confident that we each will have a personal future that is abundant with ever-increasing joy and fulfillment.

As this year comes to a close, a dear colleague is taking over the helm of *Living Buddhism* as managing editor—Jeff Kriger, an SGI-USA Vice Study Department leader and long-time staff translator. As for myself, after two tremendous years with the magazine, I am heeding my “call to adventure” and taking on the job of managing editor of the *World Tribune*, our organization’s weekly newspaper. Before editing *Living Buddhism*, I had been on the *World Tribune* staff for more than two decades. I can’t thank enough all the writers, proofreaders, artists and photographers who helped bring *Living Buddhism* to fruition each month.

In this issue, in addition to our regular features, Marlea Welton contributed her essay on the power of dialogue (p. 6), explaining that when we engage in dialogue, we embark on a journey between ourselves and others that is life-changing for all. Curt Young delves into this theme as he writes about a peace journalism course held at England’s Taplow Court (p. 12). And Denise Snaer skillfully outlines the journey of a hero (as we each are) in “The Call to Adventure” (p. 28).

Great goals are always wonderful motivators and effective spiritual tools. So together with all our readers, I greet 1999 with new hopes and dreams to create a future full of opportunities for inner and outer exploration and transformation.

—MARGIE HALL, Managing Editor