

## WORLD TRIBUNE MAILBOX

### **Tapping the Talent**

I was reading the latest issue of the *World Tribune* (May 9) yesterday evening. The editorial (“You Can Give a Good Lecture”) interested me. Within the last few months a headquarters leader and I had a discussion about Goshu lectures. We are both concerned about the inconsistent quality of lectures within our local organization. He is particularly concerned that the headquarters leaders are already so overburdened by their administrative responsibilities that they have insufficient time and energy to prepare adequately for the lectures that they give. I am particularly concerned that the capabilities of many members are underutilized.

Our discussion came to an impasse because he informed me that the direction from the national organization is that only joint territory leaders should give Goshu lectures. He said that in our local Boston organization, the joint territory leaders had requested that territory and headquarters leaders assist them with this responsibility. I suggested to him that perhaps the local joint territory had too narrowly interpreted the national headquarters’ direction regarding Goshu lectures, and that he might want to contact the Organization Department for clarification. I’m not sure whether he did or not, but the editorial seems to suggest that those in other-than senior leadership roles could be given an opportunity to lecture.

There is a plethora of articulate and intelligent members in our area who do not necessarily have a senior leadership assignment or a leadership assignment at all. Many of these members are advanced-level Study Department members with strong seeking minds, pure faith and rich experiences. Many of them are currently in or recently transitioned from the youth division. I believe the membership would greatly benefit from hearing their voices and perspectives. I vote to give these members opportunities to develop and share lectures with the membership.

— CLAUDINE MUSSUTO, Somerville, Mass.

*Editor’s Note: According to the Study Department, there is no nationwide guideline concerning who can be a lecturer. It’s up to each joint territory to come up with the best study plan for that area and tap the talent in the membership to find the best lecturers.*

### **Tackling Divorce**

The editorial “Moving Ahead After Divorce” (March 21 *World Tribune*) was very well done. For all the reasons [*World Tribune*] printed the article, I commend you on tackling a most difficult subject with common sense and courage.

The fact that the Mailbox included a rather interesting perspective related to the same subject gave the piece even more relevance.

— LLOYD FISCHER, Santa Monica, Calif.

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