

VOICES: In light of this year being SGI President Ikeda's 50th anniversary of practicing Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism, how do you envision your life after 50 years of chanting Nam-myoho-renge-kyo?

Members from Los Angeles #4 Joint Territory respond:

Well, I think if I chant for 50 years, my dreams to become a lawyer and live in a nice house, and for my kids to be raised well, will come true. The children I'll have I will adopt from Africa. And every month I will have group meetings at my house. But I've realized that if I want all that, I have to chant and do good in school.

— ALICIA CACHIMAY, Riverside, Calif.

If I chant for 50 years, my dreams are: 1) to be a basketball star; 2) to raise my kids; 3) to have a happy family; and 4) to meet Michael Jordan. I also want to keep having big dreams for the future. See, I think if I chant I can have better things in life and look forward to a wonderful future.

— TELESHA CACHIMAY, Riverside, Calif.

I have been chanting for 40 years. On my 50th anniversary of chanting, I will still be working within the SGI for kosen-rufu. What's most important, I feel, is to develop the youth division, the Boys and Girls Group and the mothers group. By that time I may have grandchildren. I worry about their environment. In the future, we really need more people to chant. It's really serious. Things change so fast now. Ten years from now, even 20 years from now, I will still be chanting for world peace.

— MIWAKO TAO, San Bernardino, Calif.

I am a 17-year member now. On my 50th anniversary, I will be over 70. My problem right now is health, so I will become a healthy and more powerful member. I want my daughter to become a responsible person for kosen-rufu — that's what I can give to her. I hope my family, especially my sister in Japan, will practice, too. By that time I will be in the Golden Group — and I will be a vigorous Golden Group member. I don't want to just sit.

— YOSHIMI TURNER, Redlands, Calif.

I was raised in this practice. I am 17 now. My dream is to be successful in life and have a good job. Hopefully, I'll be retiring by the time of my 50th anniversary of practicing. I want to be a contributor within the SGI and help with the worldwide peace movement. I want to broaden my knowledge about this Buddhism so I can help as many people as I can.

— JACK ANGERER, San Bernardino, Calif.