

## **What can we do as men's division members to become better role models for the youth division?**

*Members from Chicago Joint Territory respond:*

We need to follow through in our daily lives. No matter what we do, we need to do it to the best of our ability. This is true in our families and in the organization. The youth division will respect us only when we do what we say we are going to do.

— SEAN MURPHY, Chicago

We have to be good role models for youth everywhere, not just in our homes and in the organization. We are seen by our children's friends, and I believe that is an opportunity to show behavior that reflects our faith. I think it is harder to show actual proof of our practice to our children because they know us so well. With this in mind, we need to make extra effort around our children and their friends to behave in a way that they can respect.

— THOMAS DARRYL POLK, Cleveland, Ohio

We need to be eager to listen to the youth division all the time. We need to explain to them at every opportunity the importance of karma and the importance of having a mentor in life. Chanting daily for the youth division is the key.

— CHARLIE MITCHELL, Chicago

I think we need to lead by example, by having a consistent practice and by teaching gongyo. We need to be available for the youth division and participate in positive community activities. We also need to support the choices young people make.

— RICH STUHLER, Crittendan, Ky.

Pointing young people toward the Gohonzon, the Goshu and to SGI President Ikeda's guidance is the best way. How can we do any better than that? That was done for me when I was 20 years old.

— DARYL E. SHEWMAN, Grand Rapids, Mich.

First, if we take time to support the youth division, they will in turn naturally support the districts and chapters. Second, we need to be careful to be exemplary in our words and actions.

— JOHN BROOKS, Ypsilanti, Mich.