

VOICES: 'You are the SGI-USA, I am the SGI-USA, and we are all the SGI-USA.' What does this phrase mean to you?

Members from Midwest Joint Territory respond:

I believe we reflect our organization through our words, actions and deeds. If we are humanistic, our organization will be seen by others as being humanistic. The responsibility to develop our organization rests on our shoulders. We can make SGI-USA the kind of organization that we want it to be. If we feel that a problem exists, then we can take positive action and change the organization for the better.

— LINDA SIMMONS, Kansas City, Mo.

The future of this great organization is in all of our hands. Its direction is up to each of us. Since this is a global organization, this phrase is true not only of the SGI-USA, but the SGI as a whole. Where do we want the world to go in the future? How much can we each work and dream? What can I be responsible for? Realizing the answers to these questions, I believe, brings this phrase to life.

— BRUCE SHERWOOD, North Kansas City, Mo.

It's people caring about each other in the truest sense. Members are always there to encourage you whenever you're having an obstacle or problem, which teaches you to take responsibility for your life in that it in turn propels you toward your happiness.

— DEBBIE POWERS, St. Louis

As a new member, I am very impressed by the goals of the SGI. To achieve these goals I believe it will take each of us as individuals working on our human revolution. I also believe it requires us to work together allowing our Buddhahood to grow as we actualize our plans and make our dreams come true.

— FILIBERTO CHAIREZ, Roseville, Minn.

Whenever I go to an SGI activity, I am astounded and delighted to belong to this dynamic collection of capable people. Yes, the world is really suffering. But now people are starting to hear Buddhist concepts and envision solutions to vast problems. Now it is time to dialogue with everyone!

— TODD HARPER, St. Paul, Minn.

The SGI often becomes a target for our hopes, fears and childhood neuroses. However, the SGI is really just us, the members, and will respond to the energy we put into it. If we respect and nurture each other, the SGI will thrive. If we don't, it will wither.

— KIM JONES, Minneapolis

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