

**PHOTO PERSPECTIVE — JONATHAN WILSON, PHILADELPHIA**  
**Behind the Scenes**

I attended the first youth support groups conference at the Florida Nature and Culture Center last month as a *World Tribune* photographer. I devoted my youth to kosen-rufu in the support groups in another era. Now, I saw more facial hair, a sprinkling of ear pierces and an occasional crop of hair-streak with primary colors. But what had not changed since my cherished behind-the-scenes days was the youth division members' incredible grasp of SGI President Ikeda's heart. If anything, their understanding of Nichiren Daishonin's teachings and President Ikeda's spirit seems to have surpassed that of my generation. Since 1990, President Ikeda has challenged us to create a new SGI organization, an organization that embodies strictness toward the Law and tolerance toward the membership — and is a whole lot of fun to be in. We SGI “elders” have struggled mightily with this task. What was clear to me from this conference was that the youth division members there had figured it out!

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