

FROM THE EDITOR

A HAPPY New Year to all of you, the readers of *Living Buddhism*. My name is Jeff Kriger, and this issue of *Living Buddhism* marks the first for which I have had the new and challenging opportunity to work with the capable staff of this magazine as its managing editor. Margie Hall, managing editor of *Living Buddhism* for the past two years, has moved on to the *World Tribune*, as its managing editor.

If I may take a few lines to introduce myself, I come to *Living Buddhism* after having served as a member of the SGI-USA editorial staff since 1984 as a translator and editor, as well as, most recently, manager of the Book section. In my fifteen years with the editorial department, I feel I've had the fortune to receive the education of a lifetime. In that time, not only have I been able to improve my understanding of Japanese, and, more importantly, of English, but I have been exposed each day to a profound philosophy of the highest worth, and a teacher, in SGI President Ikeda, of tremendous capacity and vision.

With this new assignment, I will do my best to support our staff to produce a publication that can truly communicate the spirit and essence of Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism, and the significance to our lives and to humanity of the SGI's movement that is based upon it. I am looking forward to your continued support and interest in *Living Buddhism*, and to hearing your comments and suggestions.

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