

## **MENTOR-AND-DISCIPLE SERIES BEGINS AT FNCC**

The first Mentor-and-Disciple Relationship Study Conference was held Nov. 18–21 at the Florida Nature and Culture Center. Highlights of the gathering, which was designed to fully explore this important issue to our faith, included a surprise visit by Baseball Hall of Famer Orlando Cepeda, who shared how SGI President Ikeda's guidance helped him change his life, and a lecture by Norimasa Saito, SGI North America Bureau chief, on the Gosho "On Establishing the Correct Teaching for the Peace of the Land."

Wendy Clark, SGI-USA women's division leader, made the point that each person's relationship with his or her mentor is unique, just like each person's relationship with the Gohonzon is unique. She shared personal experiences of how she has struggled to develop her relationship with her mentor, President Ikeda, over the many years of her practice.

Two more mentor-and-disciple conferences will be held next year at the FNCC, one May 18–21 and one Oct. 19–22. For information on attending, contact your regional office.

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