

ATLANTA MEMBERS JOIN INTERFAITH MARCH

Atlanta news reporters told “from Buddhists to Baptists” stories on evening newscasts on Dec. 21, 1999. Approximately 1,000 people of various faiths—including 100 SGI-USA members—had turned out to march in Atlanta’s Interfaith Unity March. At the convocation that followed in the Georgia Dome, the SGI-USA Atlanta Four-Division Chorus sang the SGI-USA song “I Have a Dream” for the crowd.

SGI-USA Vice General Director Richard Brown, who grew up in Atlanta, reflected that Atlanta is “an international city, a diverse city, a city too busy to hate, the birthplace of Martin Luther King Jr. As I have grown older, I have begun to realize that our city has not only been too busy to hate but also too busy to love. This march has ushered in a new era of genuine love and compassion truly representative of the city’s heritage and spirit.”

Members involved in the planning process for the event were able to forge new relationships with many leaders of other faith communities.

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