

SGI-USA GENERAL DIRECTOR MEETS WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS IN ATLANTA

In the spirit of interfaith dialogue espoused by the SGI Charter, SGI-USA General Director Danny Nagashima recently visited Atlanta to share the SGI-USA youth division's Victory Over Violence project with religious and civil rights leaders. On March 14, he met with the Reverend G. H. Williams, a civil rights activist who fought alongside Martin Luther King Jr., at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, where King was co-pastor with his father. When asked how to eternalize the valuable lessons of the civil rights movement, the Reverend Williams said that he never says the same thing twice to young people—teaching should be different from telling.

Later the same day, Mr. Nagashima met with Lawrence Edward Carter Sr., dean of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel at Morehouse College, King's alma mater. Dean Carter, who also fought alongside King, discussed for three hours with Mr. Nagashima how the mentor-and-disciple relationship has been integral to the entire history of nonviolence. Martin Luther King's mentor, Benjamin Elijah Mays, president of Morehouse College when King was a student there, was the person who inspired King to study Mahatma Gandhi's movement for nonviolence, Dean Carter explained. Details of Dean Carter's talk with Mr. Nagashima will appear in the April 28 *World Tribune*.