

**NORTHWEST LEADERS BUILD UNITY
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On April 22, the Pacific Northwest Region's second annual all-day leadership symposium was held at the Seattle Culture Center. More than 600 leaders participated, some coming from as far as Montana, Idaho and Oregon.

The symposium began with an in-depth lecture on the Gosho "The Gods Same Birth and Same Name" by Richard Yoshimachi, Northwestern Zone men's leader. Other activities included "Gakkai Talk," a humorous skit about our organization's use of vocabulary, team building exercises focusing on unity and creative thinking, as well as words of encouragement from Northwestern Zone Youth Co-Leader Dave Eisenberg and SGI-USA Vice General Director Ed Feasel.

A skit and panel discussion from the Soka Spirit Committee illustrated the need for courage and determination. Most importantly, they showed that though the Seattle Incident Trial was a victory for the SGI, this is certainly no time to be complacent. The struggle for justice is eternal. Following their presentation, small groups discussed the meaning of the Soka Spirit movement.

After several participants got up on stage to share their thoughts on Soka Spirit and leadership, the youth closed the meeting with a joyful rendition of "Forever Sensei."