

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ZONE BOYS AND GIRLS GROUP MEETING
'I WILL DO KOSEN-RUFU'
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The 1st SGI-USA Northern California Zone Boys and Girls Group General Meeting was held Jan. 28 at the San Francisco Culture Center. Boys and Girls Group members Miellette McFarlane and Zack Douglas led gongyo and then warmly welcomed everyone.

San Francisco's Mystic Flava dance troupe performed and led the children in some dance warm-up moves. The meeting's theme—"With Sensei I Will Do Kosen-rufu"—was introduced. It was explained that kosen-rufu could be expressed as doing your best in school, trying hard to do gongyo and chant every day, cherishing and appreciating your friends, helping or studying with them and respecting your entire family, especially your parents.

Next, a portion of a video with SGI President Ikeda interacting with the Soka Kindergarten students was shown. The children from Silicon Valley Region responded to President Ikeda's recent poem, "Soar—Into the Vast Skies of Freedom! Into the New Century!" and presented their own version of the song "This Land Is Your Land."

Sacramento Region was next and led a song called "Victory." Amelia Gonzales shared her experience of falling from a tree, damaging her kidney, and then her determination to chant, get well and come home. She had to endure a lot, and she won.

A children's group of magicians from San Francisco and Crystal Springs entertained the crowd, and then East Bay Region performed a great skit from the play *The Mule and The Farmer*.

Last year, the Redwood Coast Region boys and girls studied the Ten Worlds and made a quilt. Each of the worlds is depicted on it, and they share the quilt from family to family, one month at a time. At the meeting, the children explained each of the Ten Worlds.

Some children from San Francisco then taught the audience a new song called "We Say Yes."

"The success of this meeting was a result of all of the support received from all the divisions," said Roberta Templeman, "from all levels within the organization, all pulling together. It was a family effort, and on Super Bowl Sunday!"