

**SGI-USA MARCH YOUTH-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES
INVIGORATING DIALOGUE SPREADS ACROSS THE COUNTRY
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Throughout the month of March, SGI-USA youth- sponsored introductory discussion meetings at more than 2,000 locations across the country. Tens of thousands of members and their families and friends participated in the gatherings, which were held in commemoration of March 16, Kosen-rufu Day.

At the University of Rochester in upstate New York, the youth of Rochester and Genesee Valley districts sponsored two meetings with a Victory Over Violence theme in the university's Interfaith Chapel. Through their efforts to promote the meetings around the campus and invite their friends, they welcomed 28 guests to their meetings.

"Two years ago, the youth leaders of these districts expressed their desire to share Buddhism here at the university," said Jason Berg, New Jersey Region young men's leader. "Their tenacious efforts led them to this point, and they created an opportunity for the members to joyfully share Buddhism with their friends and families."

In San Francisco, the youth of Lower Haight District created a skit based on the movie *Star Wars*, complete with costumes from the film. "It was great to see the teenage members so excited to be involved in their district," said Jomo Thorne, Northern California Zone young men's leader. "Their enthusiasm created such a joyful atmosphere. I felt spiritually invigorated."

"I heard so many amazing stories of youth who made an all-out effort to reach everyone, especially inactive members," said SGI-USA Young Women's Leader Wendy De-Souza. "Through these activities, youth are really committed to advancing at the grassroots level by engaging one person at a time in dialogue. We're truly learning how to care for each person and not give up on anyone."