

**GENERAL DIRECTOR STRESSES THREE GOALS
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Throughout the months of May and June, SGI-USA General Director Danny Nagashima traveled across the country, visiting with members from Seattle to the Caribbean, and from Boston to Hawaii. Mr. Nagashima was able to visit dozens of cities, many for the first time.

Central to the general director's message were three organizational aims: expanding the number of SGI-USA districts in order to better care for members; sharing Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism with as many people as possible and encouraging them to take faith; and appointing youth leaders in every district throughout the country.

In many locations General Director Nagashima visited, the local organizations were able to appoint new youth district leaders. For example, on June 2 in Chicago, 40 new district leaders were appointed.

General Director Nagashima also shared his vision for the second Seven Bells and how each person can grow immeasurably through the relationship of mentor and disciple. He explained that animals are capable of developing all kinds of relationships but only human beings have the ability to develop the relationship of mentor and disciple.

"The disciple chooses the mentor, not the other way around," he clarified. "It must be a choice we make. Once we choose to live as a disciple, the boundless wisdom of the mentor can be revealed. The mentor's heart should serve as the inspiration, but it is up to the disciple to take action."