

CEC HIGHLIGHTS

Theme for 2002

The SGI-USA officially adopted the SGI theme for 2002, the Year of Expanding Dialogue.

Goals and Activity Focus for 2002

- **Measurable Growth in the District**

- 1) *Propagation*

The goal is for each district to accomplish two Gohonzon conferrals in 2002. Let's live up to our mission as Bodhisattvas of the Earth to propagate Buddhism for the happiness of all humanity.

- 2) *May Commemorative Contribution*

The goal is for each member to participate in the May Commemorative Contribution activity. This is an opportunity for every person to directly support the kosen-rufu movement through their financial contributions.

- 3) *Publications Promotion*

The goal is to increase the number of *World Tribune* subscribers to 30,000 (approximate increase of two per district). This contributes to expanding the SGI-USA members' understanding of Buddhism and empowers them to win in their daily lives.

- 4) *Increase Number of Districts*

The goal is to achieve a 20 percent increase in the number of districts, enhancing the SGI-USA's ability to care for its members.

- **Soka Spirit**

The SGI-USA will continue its Soka Spirit movement, educating ourselves and our friends about the humanistic essence of Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism.

- **District Leaders Training (every other month)**

The increase of 20 percent in the number of districts nationwide will increase the need to have capable district leaders and leadership training will be important toward that end.

- **Zone Leaders Teleconferences (every other month)**

These teleconferences will facilitate the flow of communication between the zone and national levels. They will also provide an opportunity to discuss current issues and enable the general director to convey recent guidance from President Ikeda.

SGI-USA Appointments

- **General Director**

Danny Nagashima was appointed to a second three-year term as SGI-USA general director (see box on p. 2).

- **SGI-USA Board of Directors**

A new, eight-member Board of Directors was elected to a three-year term.

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- **SGI-USA Council**

The 90-member Council was elected to a three-year term.

- **SGI-USA Central Executive Conference**

The CEC, which consists of zone and national leadership, was elected to a one-year term.

Gongyo at Discussion Meetings

The SGI-USA adopted a standard format of performing only parts A and C of gongyo at monthly discussion meetings. The hope is to make these meetings as inviting as possible to guests. (Please see general director's speech on p. 2).

Florida Nature and Culture Center

Three changes were adopted in the 2002 schedule of conferences at the FNCC (see box at left).