

VOICES: What does assuming responsibility for the future of kosen-rufu mean to you?

Members from San Diego Joint Territory respond:

It means to always be encouraging, even in the midst of hardships. At times it means to listen and not speak a word and yet at other times to speak out passionately, without hesitation or doubt. Taking responsibility for kosen-rufu at this time and in this chaotic world is the greatest benefit I can possibly receive — and indeed it is the very purpose for my being here.

— TONY ANDRADE, Spring Valley, Calif.

I think raising youth is one of our main responsibilities. They will take over the kosen-rufu movement in the near future. We must also pass on the correct way of practicing to the next generation, to the Boys and Girls Group and especially our children. This is the way we can ensure that they will do the same in the future.

— TERUKO GIVENS, Chula Vista, Calif.

It's up to me to grow to understand the ideals of this Buddhism, to develop a deep conviction, and to manifest it in my daily life. This way I can become truly happy, thereby creating happiness in my environment. I think then I'll be on the path to following my true master in life, SGI President Ikeda.

— LLOYD FRAZIER, San Diego

Last year when I went to the Florida Nature and Culture Center, I came away feeling I knew what creating kosen-rufu really means. Since then I've prayed more strongly for other members and for my non-member friends' happiness and safety. Of course, I have to become a happier person and show actual proof of this Buddhism. The San Diego youth division started a *New Human Revolution* study group in February. From this activity I'm especially learning what a capable leader is.

— RYO FURUICHI, San Diego

To me it means getting actively involved in our district or wherever possible and showing those in our environment that our practice works! I believe we have to stand up when we don't like something, always try to offer fresh ideas and share our experiences. We have to create meetings where both members and guests go away feeling refreshed and encouraged about practicing.

— LIZ ANDERSON, Alpine, Calif.

First, it means to see my own Buddha nature. And second, to see it in all humankind.

— RICHARD MARSHALL, San Diego

I agree with President Ikeda there should be no more wars.

— DAICHI DUBOSE, San Diego

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