

## **SIGN POSTS: Applying Nichiren Daishonin's Writings to Daily Life It Should Be Natural**

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**One who recites even one word or phrase of the Lotus Sutra and who speaks about it to another person is the emissary of the Lord Buddha Shakyamuni. ("The Pure and Far-reaching Voice," *The Major Writings of Nichiren Daishonin*, vol. 5, p. 143)**

In this letter, Nichiren Daishonin is encouraging Shijo Kingo about the power of one person to influence an entire nation and that ordinary believers have the mission to protect and propagate this Buddhism.

As a young women's division leader, I am always encouraging members to share this Buddhism with others. Not for a mere numerical goal but, I truly feel, as a natural expression of faith. When we are challenging ourselves, chanting to achieve our goals and dreams and studying Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism to understand more about how to practice correctly, our life-condition will attract others to us. Because my actions and my philosophy of life stem from Buddhism — a philosophy of humanism, of empowerment — it seems natural to share it with others.

But in reality, at least for me, it is difficult to propagate this Buddhism. I'm not assertive enough, I'm not confident enough, opportunities slip right by me, or I procrastinate.

I feel, however, that if I'm to encourage members to share Nichiren Daishonin's teachings with others, I better take action myself — walk the walk before I talk the talk. I decided to chant specifically to introduce someone to this philosophy I love.

What surprised me was the fast response that I received from my environment. I didn't even have to approach someone about this practice — she approached me. I couldn't believe it.

We talked. I taught her how to chant. I introduced her to members. I encouraged her to read the publications. And now, she can't wait to receive the Gohonzon.

What was also amazing was the feeling that I had — an immeasurable joy from sharing this practice. It brought out my highest life-condition. It's a feeling I've had before, but somehow I'd forgotten.

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