

## **VOV CAMPAIGN BEGINS IN AUGUST**

This summer the youth of the SGI-USA will spearhead the Victory Over Violence campaign in August by sponsoring seminars at the district discussion meetings nationwide. The meetings will focus on the content included in the “Quest For Peace: Working Together Toward a Nonviolent World” information kits and video that will be given to each district and available through the SGI-USA regions. We will also be initiating a Pledge of Victory Over Violence, created by the Junior High and High School divisions, where signatures will be collected from all who wish to promote peace and work together toward a nonviolent world. All those who sign will receive a very cool Victory Over Violence button and bookmark to commemorate their pledge.

The SGI-USA Youth Peace Committee — with the dedicated and much-appreciated support of many volunteers — have successfully completed the more than 1700 information kits and videos that will be used for this nonviolence campaign. These educational materials are intended to promote greater awareness, introspection and dialogue on how best to address violence in our own lives and the world around us. It is through such discussions, within the SGI and in the community, that we hope to “transform disregard for life” in an effort to truly make the coming millennium a century of peace.

This Victory Over Violence campaign marks a wonderful united effort of the youth division nationwide toward the creation of a more harmonious world. SGI President Ikeda has asked that we carry out this campaign with joy and see that it is a “resounding success.” He states: “Nonviolence is a testament of our humanity. It signifies the triumph of the human spirit.” With this in mind, let’s each be creative in including our friends and respective communities in our Victory Over Violence seminars.

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