

NORTHWESTERN ZONE HOLDS FIRST CONFERENCE

The very first zone conference ever to be held in the SGI-USA was conducted by the Northwestern Zone, which encompasses the Pacific Northwest Region, San Francisco #1 Region and San Francisco #2 Region. Attending the six-day event, from March 18–23, were SGI-USA General Director Fred Zaitso, Women's Division Leader Wendy Clark and young women's and young men's leaders, Renu Jiandani and James Herrmann.

The first three days were centered in the Pacific Northwest Region and included a region kick-off meeting and a region/zone/national leaders dialogue. Because many youth March 16 celebration meetings were scheduled to coincide with the conference, the national and zone leaders were able to attend some of these encouraging introductory meetings. While most of the meetings visited were in the Seattle/Tacoma area, the zone leaders were able to meet with members in Portland, Ore., and Spokane, Wash.

The national and zone leaders left for San Francisco late in the evening on March 20, and began the next day by splitting up and visiting all the outlying areas of the two San Francisco regions. Home visits, personal guidance and meetings with area leaders were on the schedule for that day. The remaining two days consisted of a region/zone/national leaders dialogue and a lot more home visits.

This was the first of eight zone conferences that will occur over the next several months and was a great success. The national and zone leaders had the opportunity to meet many members in these regions and discuss goals and activities for the coming year.

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