

EVERYBODY COUNTS FOR CENSUS 2000

On July 13, SGI-USA and the U.S. Bureau of the Census entered into a partnership agreement whereby SGI-USA agreed to publicly endorse the Census 2000 and inform its members of the importance of this civic event. The agreement, which was approved by the Central Executive Committee in June, was formalized during a meeting between the director of the Census Bureau, Dr. Kenneth Prewitt, and SGI-USA Public Affairs Director Bill Aiken.

Article 1, Section 2 of the Constitution provides for an enumeration of the people every 10 years. The results of this nationwide "head count" are used to determine a range of important issues from how many federal and state dollars are appropriated to a given locale to how many representatives your state will have in Congress.

In entering this partnership, SGI-USA joins with a number of other religious, civic and educational institutions in helping to achieve a census that includes everyone.

—*BILL AIKEN*