

YOUNG WOMEN'S DIVISION CONFERENCE 2000
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One Brave Warrior Stands Up for Peace!" This was the theme of the young women's division conference held at the Florida Nature and Culture Center June 15–18. One hundred fifty-seven brave warriors from across the United States gathered together to form bonds of friendship with one another and to strengthen their Buddhist practice.

It was difficult not to notice how the young women's faces shone with a brilliant light as we attended each conference session. We laughed excitedly as Renu Jiandani, the SGI-USA young women's leader, gave a lecture on "Letter to Misawa." We appreciated Danny Nagashima, the SGI-USA general director, taking time out of his schedule to talk with us about the mentor–disciple relationship. In addition, there were sessions on Soka Spirit, leadership and overcoming depression. Each session served the purpose of helping every young woman become a truly brave warrior.

All the young women felt completely comfortable sharing their lives and struggles with one another at this conference. Several participants spoke of feeling they were not alone in the challenge to realize kosen-rufu. The entire group of young woman left the FNCC with the determination to become beacons of hope in the SGI and the communities in which they live.