

A NEW DIRECTION FOR THE YOUTH PERFORMING GROUPS

The youth of the SGI-USA should be provided with as many faith activities as possible. Many young people in our organization have a strong passion for dance. Dance groups like Era of Humanity in Chicago, Mystic Flava in San Francisco and Rhythm Nation in Los Angeles have been springing up all over the country. It is a trend that cannot be ignored.

In response to that passion and in order to fully support these groups, SGI-USA has formed a new national leadership that focuses on dance. Diana Campos and Johnny Pastor were recently appointed as the first SGI-USA young women's and young men's dance groups leaders.

At the same time, Emi Gwin will continue in her position as the young women's music groups leader and Jason Berg will begin as the young men's music groups leader, a position formerly held by Andy Matsuda who has graduated from the music groups. Willie Mack is now the music groups secretariat.

The music and dance groups fall under the umbrella of the youth performing groups. While maintaining a spirit that will allow for a wide range of cultural expression, it should be kept in mind that each group is not only for performing, but also for training in faith.