Celebrating 2019—

The Year of Soka Victory

SGI-USA District Discussion Meeting
December 2019
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What were your victories this year?

What do you want to accomplish next year?
Creating Our Own Story

“We are all writing the story of our own life. It is our story, and ours alone. We decide for ourselves where our narrative will begin, devise our own plot of the ups and downs we will face, what odds we will surmount and all the rest.

Praising the Ikegami brothers for overcoming adversity through unity, Nichiren Daishonin writes, ‘Could there ever be a more wonderful story than your own?’ (“Letter to the Brothers,” WND-1, 499) . . . *(continued on next slide)*
Their story was not about being mercilessly attacked by the three obstacles and four devils. Rather, it was a story of creating a new future. It was a story of the Ikegami brothers uniting to triumph over hardship, a story of achieving family harmony, and a story of the victory of truth and justice.

The starting point for writing such a new story are the principles of true cause and transforming karma taught in Nichiren Daishonin’s Buddhism of the Sun.”

- Daisaku Ikeda, October 2019 Living Buddhism, p. 63
Finishing Strong

“The month of December is traditionally known in Japan as shiwasu . . . Among other explanations of the origin of the term shiwasu is that it derives from a phrase meaning ‘the year is ending’ or a phrase meaning ‘to finish up everything for the year’ . . . What’s important for us is to make December a month in which we can proudly declare that we have won in every struggle, accomplished everything we needed to do and have done our best throughout the year.”

- Daisaku Ikeda, Jan. 11, 2008, World Tribune, p. 2
2020—Year of Advancement and Capable People

• 4 anniversaries:
  - January 26
  - May 3
  - October 2
  - November 18

• To honor 60 years of kosen-rufu in America: 6,000 new youth!
Discussion Questions

1. What is a personal victory you had this year?
2. How do you want to feel at the end of this year?
3. Toward 2020, what can we do now to ensure the victory for our District?