



ORGANIZATION MEMO

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DISTRIBUTE TO: District through National Leaders, Zone and Territory Offices
FROM: SGI-USA Women's Leader – Akemi Bailey-Haynie
SUBJECT: Women's Division Guidelines 2018

In 2018, SGI-USA's sole focus with all activities and efforts will be to raise youthful lions and to build momentum each and every day toward our 50,000 Lions of Justice Festival in response to our vow to our mentor. Every member of SGI-USA is encouraged to do one youth shakubuku and ensure that this youth participates in this significant event. ALL Women's Division activities should be conducted with this single purpose in mind.

2018 Women's Division Theme:

The Women's Division Theme for 2018 will be *“Women Let's Awaken & Nurture One Lion”*

“When women shine, their communities, society and the future shine as well. I wish to assert once again that the way to peace lies in striving to realize a society where women can shine their brightest. The women of the SGI are pioneers in blazing that trail ... The compassion of Soka Women, who encourage and foster youth, is the nurturing force that will ensure that the SGI remains eternally youthful.” (*Shine Like the Morning Sun*, p.126 & 94)

Main Goal:

Women's Division with our eyes firmly fixed on the unprecedented goal of gathering of 50,000 youth in 2018, let us blaze a trail of unparalleled victory by expanding the network of Bodhisattvas of the Earth. Let's take the lead in sponsoring, nurturing and ensuring at least one youth stand up in faith and attend the 50K Lions of Justice Festival.

Specific Activity Focus:

With this main goal in mind, there will **be no divisional women's** activities during the traditional *February & June* “Women's Month”. As women, let's unite four-divisionally throughout the entire year strengthening the alloy with all young women's division members for the sake of achieving our 50,000 youth gathering.

PLEASE NOTE: For the Champions of Peace and Happiness and Sophia Training Group Guidelines, please see previously submitted memos. (2017-ORG-044 and 2017-ORG-045)