



# ORGANIZATION MEMO

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**SUBJECT: Culture Department 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 activities should be conducted with this single purpose in mind.**

Second Soka Gakkai President Toda declared: **“Kosen-rufu is a cultural movement. It is about ‘establishing the correct teaching for the peace of the land.’** And Sensei wrote to the Culture Department, **“As we carry out our vow in our respective arenas and continue imparting the light of hope and courage to each person we encounter, let us also further expand our solidarity of trust and friendship to establish a magnificent Soka culture of peace!”** (Culture Department FNCC Conference Message, July 7, 2017)

Let's each respond and create total victory by sponsoring, nurturing and ensuring at least one youth to become a Lion of Justice and attend the festival in 2018. Therefore, there will be no Culture Department meetings in 2018.

Activities for 2018 will consist of:

- 1) One Nationwide Teleconference in February
- 2) FNCC Conference in July

### **Nationwide Teleconference**

For that past few years, we have been holding quarterly divisional teleconferences (our divisions consist of the Academic Division, Educators' Division, Healing Arts Division, Legal Division and Physician and Professional Doctors' Division). In 2018, we will instead hold just one joint Culture Department nationwide teleconference in February.

### **FNCC**

The Culture Department FNCC conference will be held July 6 – 9, 2018. To sign up, please visit: <https://portal.sgi-usa.org/portal/fncc>

### **For Additional Information**

<http://www.sgi-usa.org/memberresources/othergroups/culturedepartment.php>