



ORGANIZATION MEMO

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DISTRIBUTE TO: Region through Territory Leaders, Zone and Territory Offices
FROM: Development Office – Danny Nagashima (Chief Development Officer)
SUBJECT: Contributing to History: May Contribution Preparation in 2018 (REVISED)

May Contribution Dates: Saturday, April 28th – Sunday, June 3rd

Let's help everyone to deepen their understanding and pride as contributors creating history with Sensei:

- ❖ This year is of crucial importance, based on the words of our mentor and the state of the world.
- ❖ Let's increase members' understanding of their role as protagonists securing the eternal foundation of our movement and the role of contributions in supporting these efforts.

Making sincere offerings is an integral part of our Buddhist practice which leads to human revolution and benefit. It builds our capacity to help others to overcome suffering, and expands our lives and fortune:

- ❖ Let's encourage members to set a goal and challenge to do their best, based on the spirit of offerings.

Focal Points:

- ❖ Let's encourage and build the confidence of frontline leaders to promote contribution.
- ❖ Let's ensure that youth and newer members understand the spirit of contribution so that they can grow in faith and in fortune.

PREPARATION ACTIVITIES:

Contribution Representatives: *Please appoint Representatives by the end of March.*

- ❖ Please appoint a Contribution Representative for each Zone and Region from each level's leadership team. (Example: a Zone representative should be a Zone level leader.)
- ❖ Timing: Please make all of the appointments by the *end of March*.

Contribution Kick-Off Meetings: *Please hold Kick-Offs in early to mid-April by Chapter or Region:*

- ❖ **We ask that each organization prepare to hold a Contribution Kick-Off Meeting by Chapter or Region. This kick-off meeting is for UNIT through Territory leaders.**

NATIONAL CONTRIBUTION ENCOURAGEMENT CALL:

- ❖ To further unite our efforts, a National Contribution Encouragement Call for **Chapter** through Territory leaders will take place:

Thursday, March 22, 2018
6PM PST, 8PM CST, 9PM EST
(Approximately 30 minutes in length)

RESOURCES FOR CONTRIBUTION PROMOTION:

- ❖ Contribution guidance, encouragement, experiences and other content, including extensive contribution study material is available online at:
<http://www.sgi-usa.org/memberresources/contributions/index.php>.
- ❖ New materials will be added leading up to and throughout May.

UPCOMING RESOURCES WITH CONTRIBUTION ENCOURAGEMENT:

- ❖ Faith Guidance and Experiences in the April and May Issues of *Living Buddhism*.
- ❖ The Special Contribution Insert will be in an upcoming issue of the *World Tribune*.
- ❖ A Leaders Encouragement Guide with simple presentations/guidance that can be used at meetings and home visits will be made available online.

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