SUGGESTED AGENDA:

- Gongyo
- Message
- Video Encouragement by SGI-USA Women’s & Young Women’s Leaders (to be provided)
- Experience
- Gohonzon Conferrals
- Closing Encouragement by Local Leader

The zone can decide the best level for these gatherings based on venue capacity, whether at local centers or district/chapter homes.

Attendance or daimoku count reports DO NOT need to be collected.
In February 1990, President Ikeda named this gathering of women’s division members “Sophia” (meaning skill, intelligence, wisdom in Greek) with the intent that its members expand their intellect for the sake of their personal happiness, the happiness of others and the protection of our kosen-rufu movement.

The purpose of the Sophia Group is to develop leaders who are rooted in the oneness of mentor and disciple and who advance kosen-rufu on the frontlines by creating victories in the district.

ELIGIBILITY:
- Sophia Group is open to all women’s division members who bring their own material to the study meetings.
- The monthly meetings will be held from March–December 2019.
- Please use this as an opportunity to encourage new women’s division members to join Sophia.
- There is no need to collect or submit name lists.

STUDY MATERIAL:
The material will be The New Human Revolution published in the World Tribune, Living Buddhism or any volume of The New Human Revolution. No copies of the material should be made or handed out.

GROUP SIZE:
The group should be small enough to accommodate meaningful discussion, with ideally no more than 10 to 12 women.

FACILITATORS:
Facilitators should be selected and assigned by the appropriate level (region or chapter) of women’s leaders.

- Prior Sophia Group experience is not necessary.
- With the spirit of continually raising more successors, leaders should select individuals they feel confident will fulfill this important responsibility and keep the Sophia Group activity fresh and vital.
- Each zone is asked to submit their facilitators name list to their territory women’s leader by January 25, 2019.

Facilitator Orientation link is forthcoming in early February.

This information is also published on the sgi-usa.org Women’s Division page: www.sgi-usa.org/category/ wd/

Five Eternal Guidelines for the Women’s Division

1. Everything begins with prayer.
2. Advancing harmoniously with our families.
3. Fostering young successors.
4. Cherishing our communities and societies.
5. Joyfully sharing our experiences in faith.