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THE YEAR OF
2019 Soka Victory
TOWARD OUR 90TH ANNIVERSARY

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"If you don't stand up now, when will you? If you don't exert yourselves now, when will you? How many decades do you intend to wait before you take your stand? There is not telling what condition you will be in then. You are in the prime of your life. It is a precious time in this present finite existence. I say this because I want you to have no regrets!"

(Guidelines for Kosen-rufu, Victory, and Happiness, Selections from *The New Human Revolution*, p. 185)

Monthly Kings of Soka Daimoku Group & Meeting

Each month, the Men's Division members will meet twice.

Kings of Soka Daimoku Group:

Chanting sessions the 2nd week of the month. The main objective of this activity is to unite in prayer for total victory based on the following:

- Sensei and Mrs. Ikeda's excellent health and longevity
- Secure the peace of the land through our human revolution
- Personal breakthrough and victories
- Victory in our organizational goals

Kings of Soka Meetings:

Held the 2nd or 4th week of the month. The purpose of this meeting is to:

1. Build comradery among the men of Soka
2. Study and dialogue about *The New Human Revolution*
3. Receive encouragement and guidance to overcome obstacles and practice joyfully (chapter, region and zone men's leaders to support)
4. Encourage each other to participate in the monthly district discussion meetings

These meetings and other activities such as home visits and encouragement movements, and additional chanting sessions may be held at the chapter, region or zone level at the discretion of the region and zone Men's Division .

Monthly Men's Division Study Meetings



It is strongly encouraged to conduct a Men's Division study meeting once a month. This can be part of the monthly Kings of Soka Meeting or be held on another week. The focus should be on a volume of *The New Human Revolution* with an emphasis on developing faith and the applicability of the guidance contained within *The New Human Revolution* in our personal lives, families, work, society and in the

SGI. The region and zone Men's Division leadership can determine the best time and level for these meetings to be held.

2019 Men's Division FNCC Conferences

The FNCC Men's Conference theme is:
"Year of Soka Victory – Toward the 90th Anniversary!! – Together with Sensei!! Together with *The New Human Revolution* as Our Guide."

CONFERENCE DATES:

- **Apr 5-8** Men's #1—Open to all Men's Division
- **Jun 28-July 1** Men's #2—Ages 35-45 only
- **Oct 18-21** Men's #3—Open to all Men's Division

Courage Group

- Insure every Region or Zone has a fully formed Courage Group and is making use of the curriculum and the Courage Group Manual.
- Annual graduation and inauguration held in March.
- Appoint Courage Group graduates as coordinators to support the incoming class.
- Direct leadership of Courage Group meetings by Region or Zone leaders.

Young Men's Division Graduation and Support

- Work with Young Men's Division Leaders to create a graduation list toward the end of the year and coordinate new Men's Division leadership appointments for graduating Young Men's Division to be announced on January 1, 2020.
- Create stronger emphasis on the Men's Division leaders role, especially at the Chapter and Region level, to support the development of Young Men's Division leadership, especially at the District and Chapter levels.
- Once a month - Front line activity together with Young Men's Division counterparts focusing on home visitation toward July Young Men's Division General Meetings.
- Annual – Young Men's and Men's Division friendship gathering by Chapter or Region.

Guidelines for Men's Division Leaders

Kosen-rufu begins and ends with the district. This year – more than ever before, the focus will be on the battle for kosen-rufu at the front lines. Study will be focused on *The New Human Revolution* and as well as supporting the Introductory Study Exams, Courage Group Study Manual (for Men's Division ages 35-45) and our Region Level monthly study.

The Men's Division of SGI-USA will strive to fully support their districts. This year, our goal is for every district in America to have a capable men's leader.

Guidelines for all Men's Division Leaders in 2019:

1. Conduct at least 1 home visit per week – use the Home Visit Tracker to record.
2. Introduce at least 1 Young Men's or Men's Division this year.
3. Study *The New Human Revolution* at least 1 hour per week and chant to apply it to our lives.

Toward the November 2019 District General Meetings

- 50,000 home visits for encouragement and guidance of Men's & Young Men's Division members, establishing men as "Kings of Home Visits"
- Support the development of the districts as castles for propagation by creating a sustainable monthly attendance of 10,000 men at discussion meetings by the November 2019.
- Utilize the NEW "Kings of Soka" postcards to support home visits (coming soon).

Expand the Ikeda Sun Group

(Men's Division members ages 60 or older who have retired from work and have weekday daytime hours regularly available.)

- Create new groups in areas where leadership and numbers of retired men can sustain Ikeda Sun Group activities.
- Make strong emphasis to meet with, encourage and visit other Ikeda Sun Group members during weekday daytime hours to encourage them in faith .



The men of the SGI-USA in 2019, let's fully support SGI activities and become the most trusted and respected members of the Soka family. Let's

make this the best year ever for the Men's Division of SGI-USA – full of joy, benefit, excellent health and the love and support of friends and families.

On behalf of Rex Taylor, Mike Bynum, Jason Berg, Ken Nakagawa, thank you for the heartfelt efforts you are making on the front lines and for your support of the brilliant achievements of the 50,000 Lions of Justice Festival and the 2018 November District General Meetings attendance of 53,246. This year, we will overcome all obstacles, achieve personal breakthroughs and live lives of joy, fulfillment and contributions.

Very Respectfully,
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