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SGI-USA celebrates diversity. Indeed, the Buddhist concept of “many in body, one in mind” teaches us that establishing unity amidst diversity is an essential key to achieving kosen-rufu.

In 2019, uniting with the direction of SGI-USA’s main focus at the district and “kosen-rufu begins and ends with discussion meetings” we would like to affirm that the discussion meeting—where members and friends from all walks of life and the local community gather, is our essential activity for celebrating our diversity and creating unity.

Therefore, in 2019, based on the current demographics of our membership, auxiliary group activities which have been recognized will include an FNCC conference and one annual activity to be held at the region or zone level, as appropriate.

FNCC CONFERENCE	ANNUAL ACTIVITY	MONTH
Practicing Buddhism as People of African Descent Sept 13-16	Black History Month and Civil Rights Themed Activity	February
Courageous Freedom Group Sept 20-23	SGI Introductory Pride Events	June
Culture Department July 12-15	At Region/Zone Level - To Be Decided Locally	October
Arts Department Aug 16-19	At Region/Zone Level - To Be Decided Locally	October

Line leaders should take full responsibility to oversee the success of these activities, appointing and working with a committee or, where applicable, with currently appointed auxiliary group leaders in their area.

**Some key points:**

These activities should not entail extensive preparation time (no more than 2 weeks) or conflict with discussion meeting schedules.

The meeting plan should:

1. Highlight the history and relevance of SGI Nichiren Buddhism to the auxiliary group;
2. Include a component of introduction to Buddhism to make it guest friendly; and
3. Conclude with closing encouragement from a region – national line level leader.