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AUXILIARY GROUP GUIDELINES 2020

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.

Therefore, in 2020, 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.

Auxiliary group activities will key off the SGI-USA activity guidelines direction for 2020—especially in supporting the SGI-USA goal of introducing 6,000 new youth in 2020!

| FNCC CONFERENCE | ANNUAL ACTIVITY | MONTH |
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| Practicing Buddhism as People of African Descent September 18–21 | Black History Month and Civil Rights Themed Activity | February |
| Courageous Freedom Group May 1–4 | SGI Introductory Pride Events | June |
| Culture Department July 10–13 | At Region/Zone Level—To Be Decided Locally | October |
| Arts Department May 29–June 1 | At Region/Zone Level—To Be Decided Locally | October |
| Active Duty/Veterans Military November 13–16 | Veterans Day Gongyo Meeting at Region/Zone Level—To Be Decided Locally | November |

For more information about FNCC please contact your local zone/territory office or visit: portal.sgi-usa.org/portal/fncc.

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 Soka Gakkai 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 level line leader.