

SGI-USA ORGANIZATION MEMO

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DISTRIBUTE TO: District through Territory Leaders, Zone and Territory Offices
FROM: SGI-USA Organization Center
SUBJECT: **Gohonzon Policy for Current Members Only During COVID-19**

While in-person SGI-USA activities are still cancelled due to COVID-19, SGI-USA staff members at certain Zone Offices can confer the standard Okatagi Gohonzon or portable Omamori Gohonzon to **current** SGI-USA members.

This unique Gohonzon conferral can only take place if you are practicing in an organization that has a Zone Office staffed by SGI-USA, and can clearly indicate your need to receive the Gohonzon at this time from the following reasons:

- ◇ Establishing a separate household
- ◇ Received the Omamori Gohonzon as one's first Gohonzon
- ◇ Replacing a lost or damaged Gohonzon
- ◇ Exchanging a Gohonzon
- ◇ For travel, college student, etc. (Omamori only)

If you meet the above requirements, please follow the steps below to receive the Gohonzon as a current SGI-USA member during COVID-19:

1. Complete the attached application and receive the appropriate approval from your line leaders. (Application also available here: <https://www.sgi-usa.org/memberresources/leaders/forms.php>)
2. Once application is complete and approval has been received, contact your local Zone Office (office must be staffed by SGI-USA employee) to set an appointment to receive the Gohonzon. Line leaders who are not SGI-USA staff cannot confer the Gohonzon during this time.
3. Bring the completed form and fee to the appointment.

For further assistance, please contact your Territory Office:

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