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AUXILIARY GROUP GUIDELINES 2021

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 2021, based on the current demographics of our membership, auxiliary group activities which have been recognized will include a virtual conference and one annual virtual activity as listed below to be held at the Territory or National level, as appropriate.

Auxiliary group activities will key off the SGI-USA activity guidelines direction for 2021.

AUX GROUP	VIRTUAL CONFERENCE DATE	VIRTUAL ACTIVITY	VIRTUAL ACTIVITY MONTH
Practicing Buddhism as People of African Descent	TBD	Discussion Meeting Presentation— Buddhist Perspective on Juneteenth	June
Courageous Freedom Group	TBD	SGI Introductory Pride Events	June
Culture Department	TBD	At Territory/National Level	October
Arts Department	TBD	At Territory/National	October
Active Duty/Veterans Military	TBD	Veterans Day Activity at Territory/National Level	November

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.

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 Territory/National level line leader.