

DISTRIBUTE TO: District through Territory Leaders, Zone and Territory Offices
FROM: SGI-USA Development Office
SUBJECT: April and May Discussion Meetings (2021 May Campaign Components)

May Commemorative Contribution April 24–June 6

Theme: Creating a Groundswell of Hope and Victory With a Vast Heart of Soka

For the April and May Discussion Meetings, please include the following components:

April Discussion Meeting

- May Campaign Announcement by District Men’s or Women’s Leader. Script is on page 2.
- Please support a member in the district to share their experience about why they contribute to SGI-USA emphasizing the spirit of appreciation and their human revolution as a result of making offerings.

May Discussion Meeting

- May Campaign Announcement by District Men’s or Women’s Leader. Script is forthcoming.
- Please support a member in the district to share their experience about why they contribute to SGI-USA emphasizing the spirit of appreciation and their human revolution as a result of making offerings.

Have joyful discussion meetings!

Thank you very much!

April Discussion Meeting Script

Thank you so much for joining today's discussion meeting based on the theme of "Accumulating Treasures of the Heart."

As we celebrate May 3, Soka Gakkai Day, in the SGI next month, Ikeda Sensei reminds us: "May 3 is the New Year's Day of the Soka Gakkai. Members around the globe mark this annual milestone by taking a fresh step forward. This is the hope-filled rhythm of the SGI and one of the important keys of our continued victory" (May 3, 2008, *World Tribune*, p. B).

It is during this significant time that we hold our May Commemorative Contribution activity as an opportunity to express our gratitude and renew our vow to advance kosen-rufu in America.

This year's May Contribution theme, "Creating a Groundswell of Hope and Victory with a Vast Heart of Soka," is meant to serve as an inspiration for us to develop "an expansive, all-encompassing spirit or state of life" by expressing our appreciation for the Gohonzon, our mentor's tenacious efforts and our wonderful SGI community, while we refresh our determination to instill hope in our society during these challenging times.

I would now like to share some practical information about May Contribution.

First, the May Contribution activity will begin on Saturday, April 24 and conclude on Sunday, June 6.

Second, in consideration of the health and well-being of SGI-USA members amid the COVID-19 pandemic, contributions can be made online via the membership portal, calling Member Services if you wish to use a Debit or Credit Card, or mail a check to SGI-USA.

Third, new members who joined on or after January 1, 2019, will be interviewed before participating in May Contribution. We ask that guests wait one year after receiving the Gohonzon to participate in SGI-USA contributions.

Ikeda Sensei says, "Those who decide to put down solid roots where they are and continue to live their lives with perseverance and hope while struggling with reality will be victors in life" (*The Wisdom for Creating Happiness and Peace*, Part 1, p. 11).

Let's use this year's May Contribution activity to transform all hardships into victories and create unshakable hope in our hearts. Thank you!