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**FROM:** SGI-USA Organization Center  
**SUBJECT:** May 2021 Discussion Meetings and May Contribution Script

## MAY COMMEMORATIVE CONTRIBUTION

Please include the following components pertaining to May Contribution:

- May Contribution announcement by District Men's or Women's Leader. **Script is on p. 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

Topic: The Power of Gratitude

## E-VERSION FOR PRESENTATION

You can download the presentation for your discussion meeting as a PowerPoint or PDF version by clicking the link below. Both versions include notes/script for the presenter and discussion questions:

[http://www.sgi-usa.org/monthly-downloads/.](http://www.sgi-usa.org/monthly-downloads/)

## WORLD TRIBUNE INSERT

The April 16, 2021, *World Tribune* includes an insert with key passages related to the discussion topic. We encourage members to utilize their publications to follow along during the discussion meeting.

## ZOOM ETIQUETTE SLIDE

An additional slide has been added to the discussion meeting study presentation outlining basic Zoom etiquette. This slide can be shown at the beginning of a discussion meeting as members/guests join the meeting.

## LANGUAGE SUPPLEMENTS

The presentation and script will be translated into the following languages each month: Spanish, Korean, Chinese and Japanese. You can select the language here:

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### This Month's Downloads

Based on the success of the youth discussion meetings in July 2019, we would like to incorporate elements of them into our monthly four-divisional discussion meetings. This means that during the discussion portion, we would break out into groups of 5-8 with one facilitator per group.

Language (Only for Discussion Meeting slides):

English

**Note:** Although there are no in-person SGI-USA activities due to COVID-19, please utilize the content provided for the discussion meetings held on Zoom.

## May Discussion Meeting Script

Thank you so much for joining today's discussion meeting based on the theme of "The Power of Gratitude."

Our May Contribution campaign is open to all SGI members, and newer members who received the Gohonzon on or after January 1, 2019, will be interviewed before participating to make sure they understand the purpose. Please note that guests are not eligible to participate.

We recently celebrated May 3, Soka Gakkai Day. And soon we will celebrate our founding President Makiguchi's 150th birthday on June 6.

It was during a time of great change and instability in society that Makiguchi Sensei courageously stood up to safeguard Nichiren Buddhism. He proclaimed the Soka Gakkai to be a community dedicated to creating kosen-rufu by realizing true happiness for every person and every family, as well as the peace and welfare of society.

Ikeda Sensei teaches us from the example of Makiguchi Sensei that: "When we face a tough situation, that's the time we need to summon our courage. The more difficult the challenge, the more bravely we must tackle it. This is the essence of the Soka Gakkai spirit."

Because of the efforts of the founding presidents of Soka and countless people who stood shoulder to shoulder with them, we have been able to encounter this philosophy of hope and practice Nichiren Buddhism in our wonderful SGI community.

So – let's enjoy this May Contribution activity with the "vast heart" of Soka and the understanding that it's a chance to express gratitude.

I would now like to share some practical information.

First, the May Contribution activity will conclude on Sunday, June 6.

Second, in consideration of the health and well-being of SGI-USA members amid the COVID-19 pandemic, we would like to avoid making contributions in person. Instead, contributions can be made online, or calling Member Services if you wish to use a Debit or Credit Card, or mailing a check to SGI-USA.

Let's conclude this year's May Contribution activity with tremendous personal victories and lay the foundation toward 2030! Thank you!