

DISTRIBUTE TO: District through Territory Leaders, Zone and Territory Offices
FROM: SGI-USA Organization Center
SUBJECT: Changes to In-person Soka Spirit and Kosen-rufu Gongyo Meetings

Due to the rise of COVID-19 cases from the delta variant, we are making several adjustments to the activities taking place at centers that have been selected to reopen.

NO IN-PERSON SOKA SPIRIT CHANTING SESSIONS

The in-person Soka Spirit chanting sessions will be suspended until further notice. Due to mask requirements at our SGI-USA centers, which can make chanting for long periods of time uncomfortable, and to reduce any further risks, we will not hold Soka Spirit chanting sessions at reopened SGI-USA centers. Soka Spirit chanting sessions should continue in the safety of one's home and Soka Spirit encouragement meetings should continue on Zoom.

As a reminder, region leaders should have the opportunity to share closing encouragement at the Zoom Soka Spirit encouragement meetings by adhering to the following rhythm:

- Week 2 - Region Leader
- Week 3 - Zone-National Leader
- Week 4 - Region Leader
- Week 5 (if applicable) - Region Leader

(Region through national line leaders from any division can be invited to share encouragement.)

GONGYO AND DAIMOKU AT THE KOSEN-RUFU GONGYO MEETING (10 MIN.)

Gongyo and daimoku at the Kosen-rufu Gongyo meetings should not exceed 10 minutes. There will not be any chanting prior to the start of gongyo. If a meeting starts at 10am, gongyo should begin at 10am and daimoku should conclude by 10:10am.

This guideline is due to the mask requirements at our SGI-USA centers, which can make chanting for long periods of time uncomfortable, and to reduce any further risks.

BOOKSTORES

The SGI-USA bookstores will *only* be open on the day of the in-person Kosen-rufu Gongyo meeting at centers that have been selected to reopen. Please contact your local leaders for the bookstore hours on those days.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and understanding. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and make member safety and wellbeing our highest priority.