

DISTRIBUTE TO: District through Territory Leaders, Zone and Territory Offices
FROM: SGI-USA Organization Center
SUBJECT: Sustaining Contribution Promotion and November Discussion Meetings

SUSTAINING CONTRIBUTION PROMOTION

Please include the following components pertaining to Sustaining Contribution in your district general meeting agenda:

1. Sustaining Contribution PowerPoint presentation by District Men's or Women's Leader. **Presentation (attached) and Script on p. 2.**
2. Please support a member in the district to share a well-prepared faith experience related to appreciation and contribution.

NOVEMBER DISCUSSION MEETING

Topic: Creating Value

Helpful guidance from Ikeda Sensei, tips and tools to improve your discussion meeting:

<https://www.sgi-usa.org/district-toolbox/>

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/>.

WORLD TRIBUNE INSERT

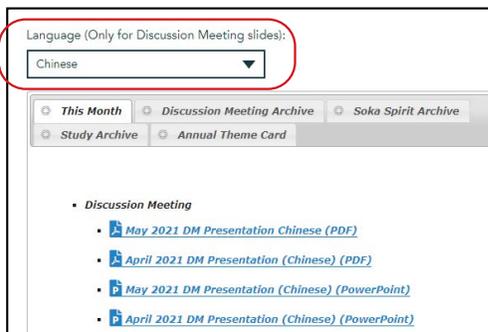
The Oct. 15, 2021, *World Tribune* includes an insert with key passages from the study presentation. We encourage members to utilize their publications to follow along during the discussion meeting.

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: <http://www.sgi-usa.org/monthly-downloads/>.



Note: Since there are no in-person discussion meetings due to COVID-19, please utilize the content provided for your virtual discussion meetings taking place on Zoom.

**November District General Meeting
Sustaining Contribution PowerPoint Presentation Script**

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Welcome and thank you very much for attending our November 18 District General Meeting!

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Thank you for your continued support and dedication to advance our kosen-rufu movement through your Sustaining Contribution plan.

Although it has been a challenging time, the SGI-USA continues to move ahead on many fronts to better serve our communities and advance kosen-rufu.

Our Social Media initiatives and programs continue to provide resources for our members and guests. For example, Buddhability, which was launched last year to introduce Buddhism more broadly to American youth, now has over 500,000 unique users. The SGI-USA also continues to provide Zoom licenses for every Chapter, Region, Zone and Territory in SGI-USA. Also, we can now get our hands on the long-awaited book, *The New Human Revolution* vol. 30 available in SGI-USA bookstores or online.

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In addition, the SGI-USA continues to build out new centers and relocate existing ones to larger and newer facilities to better support our members. Here are our new, expanded and relocated centers across SGI-USA. This is really exciting as we begin a reopening of in-person activities at designated SGI-USA Centers in gradual phases.

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Last month, centers in Seattle, Detroit, Jacksonville, Fort Lauderdale, Tucson, as well as New Orleans, had their grand opening ceremonies. Our expanded efforts to respond to members' needs, such as these, are all possible because of members' contributions. Thank you very much!

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Ikeda Sensei says: "This coming decade is an extremely important time, when we must work to resolve the challenges facing our planet and to build a new culture for humankind, a new human civilization, based on respect for the dignity of life and human revolution. Let's pledge together to advance cheerfully on our shared journey of hope and victory—the journey of the oneness of mentor and disciple—in this crucial year that will determine the course of the next decade." (Ikeda Sensei, Feb. 5, 2021, *World Tribune*, p. 3)

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As we commemorate November 18, the Founding Day of the Soka Gakkai each year and move toward the 100th anniversary in 2030, we have the wonderful opportunity to express our appreciation and solidify a foundation of peace toward the next centennial through the Sustaining Contribution program.

Please let any of your leaders know if you would like to learn more about the SGI-USA Sustaining Contribution program. Congratulations on attending today's meeting, and thank you!