

DISTRIBUTE TO: Zone and Territory Women's Leaders
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SUBJECT: Champions of Peace and Happiness Group 4th Class (2022-2023)

The Champions of Peace and Happiness Group 4th Class will begin in March 2022 based on the timeline below. Starting in March, instead of January, will allow for recent YWD graduates who are eligible to be considered for the 4th Class.

TIMELINE

SELECTION & INTERVIEWS

DECEMBER 10	Region-Territory Women's Leaders Virtual Meeting (Review Interview Process) [5:30pm PT, 7:30pm CT, 8:30pm ET]
BY FEBRUARY 10	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Proposal of 5-8 candidates per region Name of region/zone leader who will be the coordinator for the 4th Class <p>Must be submitted to your Territory Women's Leader</p>
BY FEBRUARY 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Territory/National review list and respond. Interviews can begin after the list is approved
BY MARCH 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Region/Zone Coordinators Teleconference
BY MARCH 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final name list must be submitted after all interviews have been completed

INDUCTION & GRADUATION

END OF MARCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4th Class Induction Meeting
DECEMBER 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4th Class Graduation Ceremony

BACKGROUND

On October 21, 2015, the SGI-USA Women's Division receive the name "**Champions of Peace and Happiness Group**" from Ikeda Sensei for the formation of a women's training group designed for those under the age of 45.

PURPOSE

The goal of the group is to raise capable women leaders for the future growth and development of kosen-rufu in America toward the 100th anniversary of Soka Gakkai in 2030 and beyond.

SELECTION PROCESS

Based on the timeline above, please submit a name list of candidates February 10th who fulfill the following criteria:

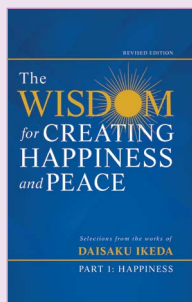
- ✓ Must be a Women's Division member 45 years old or under on December 31, 2022
- ✓ Has practiced for at least one year or more
- ✓ Holds a line leadership position at group through territory level
- ✓ Has an active subscription to the *World Tribune/Living Buddhism*
- ✓ Planting seeds of Nam-myoho-renge-kyo
 - Has participated in contribution within the past year
 - Uploaded vaccination card to the portal ID to participate in-person at the center

HOME-VISIT/INTERVIEW

After the territory/national approve the proposed name list by February 20th, each candidate must be visited by region/zone/territory leaders. At the visit, please explain the mission of this *training group*, re-confirm the selection criteria above, and clarify that participation will entail the following:

- **Commitment** to attend bi-monthly Champions of Peace and Happiness Meetings
- Purchase and bring the study material to the meetings - The new revised book shown in the right column
- Determine to introduce a guest to the practice in 2022
- Commit to making childcare arrangements (if applicable)

STUDY MATERIAL



The Wisdom for Creating Happiness and Peace, Part 1 (Revised) to be released by the end of November 2021!

FREQUENCY/DURATION OF MEETINGS

- Ideally, meetings will be held at the region level. However, depending on the locale, frontier areas may consider chapter level meetings
- Meetings will be held bimonthly on the 4th Sunday at 1pm (See Scheduling on the right column)

- Preparatory meetings can take place as needed but are not mandatory

SCHEDULING

As centers continue to open, meetings will be held in-person on the 4th Sunday of the month at 1pm (otherwise zoom meetings).

2022	2023
Mar 27	Jan 22
May 22	Mar 26
July 24	May 28
Sept 25	July 23
Nov 27	Sept 24
	Nov 26 (Graduation)

* November falls on a holiday so dates can be flexible (zoom meetings)

AGENDA

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| • Gongyo and 5 minutes daimoku | 10 minutes |
| • Opening Words (Region level leaders) | 5 minutes |
| • Study Presentation based on Study Material by 4th Class member | 10 minutes |
| • Personal or Organizational Victory Experience by 4th Class member | 7 minutes |
| • Discussion on Study Material | 30 minutes |
| • Q&A based on current organizational rhythm / encouragement by Region through National Leaders | 20 minutes |
| • Write a memo to Sensei with a vow or determination from the meeting | 15 minutes |



REGION/ZONE COORDINATORS ROLE

An Orientation Teleconference for region/zone coordinators of the 4th Class will be held on Wednesday, March 2nd.

Coordinators are tasked to support as follows:

- Confirm annual calendar and meeting location
- Confirm agenda details and presenters
- Review/assist with study presentation
- Review/assist with experiences
- Confirm guest leaders
- Send meeting reminders
- Keep attendance report
- Visits/guidance to ensure each 4th Class member successfully concludes in 2023
- Prepare graduation certificates

Thank you very much!