

SGI-USA ORGANIZATION MEMO

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FROM: SGI-USA National Language Bureau
SUBJECT: National Language Bureau Guidelines 2022

In 2022, SGI-USA's sole focus with all activities will be to strengthen the districts to become the core of our American kosen-rufu movement. ALL activities should be conducted with this single purpose in mind. For this reason we would like all auxiliary and language group activities to serve as a gateway for member and guests to participate and engage in their local district activities.

The primary purpose of the National Language Bureau is to ensure non-English speakers can deepen their faith through study and joyfully engage in district discussion meetings and propagation. Languages supported on a national level are Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Spanish. Language-based activities should not conflict with district or other core activities.

LANGUAGE-BASED ACTIVITIES: Language group activities in Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Spanish are conducted at the Territory, Zone or Region level. For Regions with language-based demographic considerations, additional meetings can be created. This should be determined in discussion with the Territory, Zone or Region line leadership.

STUDY: Study material is based on Ikeda Sensei's lecture published in *Living Buddhism* and will be carried in the monthly *World Tribune* language page inserts. Meetings should allow ample time for Q&A, discussion and encouragement. Region through National line leaders should be invited periodically to do the lecture/share encouragement and organizational direction.

FNCC: In 2022, each language group will hold a conference at FNCC. Conferences are tentatively scheduled as:

Chinese: April 1-4	Korean: April 8-11
Japanese: April 22-25	Spanish: April 29-May 2

Important FNCC Notes:

- All applicants must be approved by their local zone or territory office based on COVID-19 vaccination and booster requirement.
- Conferences are subject to cancellation based on COVID-19 concerns, including national, state or local orders, or infection rates.
- If a conference is cancelled, it will **not** be replaced with a virtual conference.

HEADQUARTERS LEADERS MEETING (HQLM) VIDEO: To show the HQLM video, please coordinate with your Region or Zone line leaders and designated Soka Video Player (SVP) handlers.

PUBLICATIONS: The *World Tribune* will publish a monthly language page insert in Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Spanish. The insert will include Ikeda Sensei's study lecture as well as monthly district meeting material. Language coordinators should promote the publications while utilizing the supplements in the appropriate language.

LEADERSHIP: National level coordinators are appointed for the Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Spanish Language Groups. If necessary, coordinators can be appointed at the Territory, Zone and Region level. For leadership criteria and appointment procedures please refer to the SGI-USA Leadership Manual, available on the SGI-USA Website at: www.sgi-usa.org/memberresources/leaders/manuals.php.

Armenian, Cambodian, Filipino, French, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, Thai and Vietnamese groups are not national in scope, however, it will be up to the local Zone line leadership, in discussion with the Territory, to decide if or when sufficient numbers of non-English speaking members make holding study meetings or an annual event in such languages desirable.