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DISTRIBUTE TO: All Leaders
TO: Zone, Region Leaders and Office Managers
FROM: SGI-USA Organization Department
SUBJECT: 12 Points of Practice for SGI Activities

SGI General Director Eiichi Wada recently outlined “12 Points of Practice for SGI Activities” and asked that they be shared with all leaders.

12 Points of Practice for SGI Activities

The SGI is a body that spreads the correct Law throughout the world based on the teachings of Nichiren Daishonin’s Buddhism. The SGI organization exists to encourage faith based on the concept of “many in body, one in mind.”

The proud standards by which we carry out our worldwide kosen-rufu movement will always be the spirit of oneness of mentor and disciple maintained by the first three Soka Gakkai presidents and their selfless actions to propagate the Law without begrudging their lives.

The SGI promotes correct faith, practice and study based on the humanism of Buddhism and the guidance of the first three presidents, with the aim of realizing world peace and contributing to the happiness of all humankind.

To resolutely protect the harmonious unity of the SGI, and to ensure that each member can practice correct faith and advance along the path of complete fulfillment in life, SGI leaders in each country are asked to bear these 12 points in mind:

1. Maintain a harmonious organization, based on dialogue and consensus.
2. Conduct steady propagation activities based on established SGI membership guidelines, while encouraging new members’ growth in faith.
3. Make daily efforts to study the writings of Nichiren Daishonin and deepen one’s understanding of Buddhist philosophy.
4. Study the guidance of SGI President Ikeda.
5. Encourage all members to attend monthly discussion meetings, which are focused on personal experiences in faith.
6. Cherish the youth and foster successors.
7. Promote four-divisional unity, taking care to respect the opinions of women.
8. Promote continual education in the tenets of Soka Spirit and conduct continual dialogue with members of Nichiren Shoshu.
9. Conduct public relations activities thoroughly, making full use of SGI publications.
10. Contribute to the community as model citizens.
11. Those who take advantage of the sincere faith of the members and cause trouble to them through engaging in irresponsible financial dealings, sexual misconduct, or the like, are subject to dismissal from leadership and removal from the organization.
12. SGI organizations outside of Japan will have no involvement whatsoever in political activities.