

A MESSAGE TO THE SGI-USA WOMEN'S DIVISION One Steady Step at a Time

Our heartfelt congratulations on your general meeting commemorating the Day of the SGI-USA Women's Division. We also congratulate you for your valiant strides along the straight path to happiness.

In the long course of life's journey, you only win true happiness on your own. Others cannot give you happiness. Rather, it is something you must build within your own hearts.

You may encounter stormy as well as snowy days. But with the Mystic Law, you can always gain the fundamental strength to cause the brilliant sun of hope to rise in the vast skies of your own hearts. Invoking the Mystic Law and spreading it afar, all of you, as queens of happiness, will enjoy lives that shine as bright as the sun.

Nichiren Daishonin writes: "Strengthen your faith day by day and month after month. Should you slacken even a bit, demons will take advantage" (*The Major Writings of Nichiren Daishonin*, vol. 1, p. 242). Here he encourages all of you to grow stronger day by day and month after month, with patience and hope, while taking joy and pride in dedicating your lives to your own mission.

Each day, please take one step at a time in your steady efforts. In this way, you can forge an indestructible and undaunted state of happiness.

We ask each SGI-USA women's division member to please be firm in your resolve and move forward gallantly and cheerfully for the sake of your society, community and loved ones. We are praying from the bottom of our hearts for your excellent health and longevity. We wish you all great happiness.

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