



Organization Center

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SUBJECT: 2015 Women's Division Guidelines

Commemorative Meetings

In 2015 we would like to hold meetings led by women in both February and June.

February - In February 2015 we would like to celebrate “Women’s Month” and commemorate SGI-USA Women’s Day by taking the lead to ensure our February District Discussion meetings are totally victorious.

We would like both WD and YWD take full responsibility to spearhead the efforts to hold the most victorious and joyful February District Discussion meetings ever!

While this will be the regularly scheduled February discussion meeting, we would like to ask all women to be at the forefront of the planning to ensure total victory. We encourage the women and young women to set the example in the compassionate action of shakubuku; inviting their friends, family and co-workers to experience a joy-filled SGI meeting. Let’s truly unite together and create the most amazing meetings ever.

June - To commemorate the establishment of the Women’s Division on June 10, 1951, we want to create the opportunity for women’s division members to gather together for dialogue some time during the month of June. We ask that these gatherings/meetings be at whatever level best lends itself to joyful heart-to-heart dialogue amongst the women. This meeting does not replace either the district discussion meeting or study meeting. (Please see attached FAQ sheet)

Welcoming YWD to Women’s Division

In order to wholeheartedly welcome the precious young women division members who will be graduating into the women’s division within the next year, we want to hold special meetings in advance to acquaint them with the members, friends and organizations they will be practicing with. We hope to facilitate a seamless transition so that each young woman immediately feels welcome, at home and enthusiastic in her new role as a vibrant SGI-USA Women’s Division member.

FAQ - June meetings

- **What level can we hold these meetings?**
This is up to each organization to decide what will be best for them. The purpose is to have small group dialogue, so if it is a larger meeting, breaking out into small group dialogues would be essential.
- **Joyful heart-to-heart dialogue about something specific?**
Please discuss what will most encourage and inspire the women. Since our WD focus in 2015 will be “Creating Harmonious Families”, this would be an excellent time to share how we are applying Sensei’s guidance in our daily lives to create victories in our families (at home/at work/in our districts).
- **Could we invite YWD that will be graduating soon?**
This would be an excellent opportunity to embrace the YWD who will be graduating soon to build friendships with the women.
- **Does it matter when in the month we have the meeting?**
Please discuss well to decide the best time for these small dialogue meetings. Since June is the month we focus on our Future Division members, we don’t want to create any schedule conflicts with those activities scheduled in June.

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