



SGI-USA Men's Division Suggested Study Material for February 2020

In February 2020, the Men's Division is studying excerpts from *The New Human Revolution*, volume 13 found in February "Living Buddhism" published by SGI-USA. This page is intended for leaders. The LB page # is indicated and NHR Vol 13 chapter as available. All quotes from February LB pp 24–41.

Shin'ichi offered several key points for making these meetings a success:

1. That those who bring guests be treated with the highest respect and be encouraged wholeheartedly;
2. That everyone understands that the success of a discussion meeting depends not merely on what happens during the actual event but on advance preparations, including making sure as many people as possible attend;
3. That leaders in charge of a discussion meeting pray sincerely to the Gohonzon for its success and attend the meeting with unwavering resolve and confidence;
4. That leaders act with common sense and social awareness; and
5. That sincere gratitude be shown to members who make their homes available for meetings.
(February LB, pp 28–29.)

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"The benefit derived from contributing to kosen-rufu by offering one's home as the center for activities is boundless and immeasurable, and it translates into great fortune that will extend from generation to generation."

"Shin'ichi firmly believed the ordinary Soka Gakkai members working quietly behind the scenes to spread Nichiren Daishonin's teachings were worthy of the highest respect. And he was determined to devote his life to supporting and praising such members. Indeed, the main reason for his visit to Wakkamai was to wholeheartedly encourage the members there in person, and to show his appreciation for their tenacious efforts."

(February LB, pg 33)

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"Since President Toda's time, there have also been individuals who, resenting the strict yet compassionate guidance of their mentor, eventually turned their backs on the organization. Ultimately, our environment is nothing more than a medium for devilish functions, for in actuality these functions reside in our own heart.

"Shin'ichi said contemplatively, gazing into the distance: "The fundamental solution to this issue lies in the transformation of the members' state of life. Nichiren Daishonin writes: "I pray that before anything else I can guide and lead the ruler and those others who persecuted me" (WND-1, 402) It all depends on whether they can draw forth the same kind of life condition as Nichiren Daishonin, who was determined first to save the authority figures responsible for the persecutions against him."

"From now on, their struggle is to win people's trust. Sincere dialogue is the key. It's also important for each member to tenaciously strive to contribute to society." (February LB, pg 41, "Shining Citadel")

Questions:

1. You are all leaders. Please lead a discussion based on the above.