



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

In November 2020, the Men's Division is studying excerpts from "The New Human Revolution" Volumes 22 found in November "Living Buddhism" published by SGI-USA. This page is intended for leaders. The NHR Vol 22 chapter and/or LB pg # is indicated as available. All quotes from November LB pages 28-45.

"By making our mentor's achievements widely known to the public, we shed light on the starting point of our movement, because the aims of our movement are embedded in our mentor's teachings and life. Josei Toda continues to live in my heart, where he sometimes keeps silent watch on what I do and sometimes wordlessly gives me counsel. Our lives have coalesced. We breathe together."

"Almost all of Mr. Toda's guidance is already published, and I've spoken to you about him many times before. I think a better idea would be for all of you to think about Mr. Toda's teachings yourselves and come up with your own ideas about him and the spirit of the oneness of mentor and disciple of the Soka Gakkai."
(November LB, pg 32-33)

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"The mentor-disciple relationship is not mere formality or lip service – it only exists when disciples constantly have their mentor in their hearts. Self-discipline and independence arise from having a mentor in one's heart."
(November LB, pg 35)

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"Finding capable individuals requires polishing one's ability identify others' strengths. Toward that end, one needs to have the humility to overcome one's arrogance and be prepared to learn from others – which is nothing other than the struggle to carry out one's own human revolution."

(November LB, pg 39)

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"Shin'ichi Yamamoto remarked: "Being of 'the same mind as Nichiren' is the essence of our Buddhist faith and practice. The Soka mentors and disciples, starting with the founding president, Tsunesaburo Makiguchi, and his disciple and second president, Josei Toda, have dedicated their lives to carrying out the great vow for kosen-rufu in complete accord with the Daishonin's spirit."

"Remaining true to the path of Soka mentor and disciple, therefore, is the practice of being of the same mind as Nichiren. Concretely speaking, this means keeping our mentor firmly in our heart at all times... During World War II, both Mr. Makiguchi and Mr. Toda were imprisoned as a result of their persecution by Japan's military authorities, who conducted the war based on the ideology of State Shinto... Mr. Toda courageously followed his mentor, who was striving to achieve kosen-rufu just as the Daishonin instructed. That is the practice of being of the "Same mind as Nichiren" in the present day and age... by standing up with the same spirit and resolve as his mentor, Mr. Toda awakened to his personal mission as a Bodhisattva of the Earth."

"While referring to the profound ties shared by Mr. Makiguchi and Mr. Toda, Shin'ichi said to the young members of the Five year Group: 'I also awakened to my mission as a Bodhisattva of the Earth through serving and protecting Mr. Toda and struggling alongside him for kosen-rufu. This mentor-disciple bond is the lifeline that runs through the faith and practice of the Soka Gakkai. I hope that you will also remain true to the path of mentor and disciple all our lives, awaken to the noble mission with which you were born into this world, and lead bold and indomitable lives.'" (November LB, pg 44)

Please discuss how to bring and manifest the oneness of mentor-disciple spirit to November general meetings, guests and your daily life.