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FROM: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) Leaders
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SUBJECT: GLBT Activity Guidelines

As the recently appointed SGI-USA GLBT National Leaders we are excited to share these new activity guidelines with you. We hope that they will provide direction for GLBT members across the nation, be helpful as we continue to support our members in faith and to propagate Buddhism.

The following seven principles should be the guiding point for all GLBT activities:

1. **Mission**
Awakening ourselves and our members to a sense of mission as Bodhisattvas of the Earth is the heart of all of our activities.
2. **Unity**
Becoming a model of "many in body, but one in mind."
3. **Expansion**
Spreading the hope and empowerment found in Nichiren Buddhism.
4. **Activities**
As GLBT members our overall aim is to create quarterly activities that are in harmony with the overall goals and direction of SGI-USA based on discussion with the appropriate organizational leaders.
5. **District Activities**
Recognizing that the frontline of our kosen-rufu movement is found in our districts, all GLBT members are encouraged to make participating in their district their primary faith activity.
6. **Fostering Youth**
Giving young people the opportunity to take responsibility and grow in faith through GLBT activities.
7. **Mentor & Disciple**
Deepening our faith and our own understanding of the oneness of mentor and disciple.

Basing all activities on these seven principles, we'd like to suggest that all GLBT members meet on a quarterly basis. We also recommend that, where appropriate, efforts be made to participate in community outreach activities, such as summer Pride celebrations, with the ultimate end being to augment them with introductory-focused activities.

We are praying for the growth of all GLBT members and that all our activities will be meaningful, inspiring hope and deepening the faith of every participant.

Thank you!