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Note: these are estimates, but the recent rate of A.A.'s estimated growth is certainly food for thought as far as carrying the message.

THE AREA 11 PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY WILL BE SUNDAY, APRIL 3rd (Online), from 8:30am to approximately 1:30pm.

THE AREA 11 PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY IS COMING UP (4/3)

The 72nd General Service Conference Theme: "A.A. Comes of Age 2.0: Unified in Love and Service"

Large-scale matters affecting A.A. as a whole—changes in literature, financial policies, and other happenings—are discussed every year at an annual General Service Conference. Your Area 11 Delegate is getting ready to attend the annual General Service Conference in April.

The purpose of the Pre-Conference Assembly is to allow your Area Delegate to hear the voice of the local Groups in Connecticut on these items **before** the Delegate attends the Conference. (Hence why it is called the Pre-Conference Assembly, as it happens **before** the Delegate attends the General Service Conference).

This process happens every year. For example, at last year's General Service Conference, the Conference voted with substantial unanimity to move forward with creating a 5th Edition of the English Big Book, a 4th Edition of the Spanish Big Book, a plain/simplified language translation of the Big Book, changing the words "men and women" to "people" in the A.A. Preamble, creating A.A. podcasts, and several other items. Before your Delegate attended last year's General Service Conference where all of these items were decided, Area 11 (Connecticut) had a Pre-Conference Assembly where all of the previously-mentioned items (and more) were discussed at length. The Pre-Conference Assembly is an opportunity to have your voice heard.

While all A.A. members within Area 11

(Connecticut) are encouraged and welcome to attend, GSRs are *especially* encouraged to engage their groups in discussions on various items. Preparation on this is imperative. GSRs will want to review the materials ahead of time, discuss them with their groups, and then attend the Pre-Conference Assembly prepared to share their thoughts and their groups' thoughts.

A BIG EMAIL will be getting sent out to all DCMs sometime in mid/late February that will include General Service Conference Agenda Items, background material, and information on the items of discussion for the Pre-Conference Assembly. GSRs: please check in with your District Committee Member (DCM), to ensure you receive this "big email."

GSRs might be wondering: "How do I engage my group in a discussion on these items?"

There is no right way to do this. Every group has a different culture and customs associated with it. As the GSR of your home group, you likely know your group well and have an idea of what might work best. Please connect with your District Committee Member (DCM) and ask for some suggestions on engaging your group in a discussion on these items. Keep in mind: the actual *thinking* is what is of most interest. If you and/or your group can present as many arguments as possible (pro and con) on any given agenda item, that is extremely helpful and valuable! This is not like a voting assembly, but rather a melting pot of thoughts. That said, rather than taking a "vote" at the group, you are encouraged to engage your group in *discussion* to capture the group's **thinking**. To quote the A.A. Service Manual: the "GSR, is tasked with [...] making sure the group[...] [is] part of the delegate's **thinking** at the Conference." -Reprinted from page 4 from the 2021-2023 A.A. Service Manual with permission from A.A. World Services, Inc. Your Area Delegate wants your **group's thoughts** and **your thoughts**.

Pre-Conference Assembly will be on 4/3/22, beginning promptly at 8:30am, and will run to approximately 1:30pm. A "big email" with all details, including login info, to be sent soon.

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