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More Information:

MORE INFO ON THE 72ND GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE (2022) IS AVAILABLE ON WWW.CT-AA.ORG.

VISIT THE WEBSITE, CLICK "A.A. MEMBERS," CLICK "DELEGATE'S REPORTS," AND SEE THE FOLDER: "72ND General Service Conference Report"

THE AREA 11 Fall Assembly is scheduled for November 6, 2022.

Details to come from your Area 11 Chairperson.

Area 11 Spring Assembly Recap

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the 72nd General Service Conference

Q: Is the 5th Edition of the Big Book and the plain and simple translation of the English Big Book the same thing?

A: No. The plan for the 5th Edition of the Big Book does not include modifications to the language of the first 164 pages, "The Doctor's Opinion," nor "Doctor Bob's Nightmare." The translation of the Big Book into plain and simple language would be a separate book.

Q: Is the project to translate the Big Book into plain and simple language still moving forward?

A: Yes. In 2021, it passed with substantial unanimity to get the ball rolling. In 2022, there was a progress report. The project continues. In 2023, we can expect either a draft or another progress report.

Q: In 2021, there were two sentences changed to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. Were those changes reversed at the 2022 Conference or do those changes stand?

A: The changes to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, as directed by the General Service Conference in 2021, remain changed.

Q: Is an update happening to the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" to reflect more experience on Service Sponsorship?

A: No action taken on this at this time.

Q: Will there be a new communication addressing anonymity on social media?

A: There is hope for a progress report at next year's Conference—but nothing set in stone so far. It is worth noting that the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity" had some updates related to anonymity in the digital age.

Q: Will the "Doctor's Opinion" be page 1 of the Big Book (instead of Bill's Story)?"

A: No action taken on this at this time.

Q: What is happening with virtual groups?

A: Here is the very short version. As of 2021, virtual groups can register with G.S.O. in such a way that they are listed in their preferred geographic District and Area, with the default location—in the event that the group does not give a preference—being the address of the group's primary contact. In a one-year span since that happened, more than 700 virtual groups have since registered as such with the General Service Office. The General Service Board also formed an Ad Hoc Committee to explore future possibilities for the participation of virtual groups in the U.S./Canada General Service Structure. This Ad Hoc Committee has begun its work, will continue to do its work, and will be interested to hear local sharing from Areas about virtual group participation.

Q: Was the 2021 G.S.C. Advisory Action to change words like "inmate" or "convict" to "person in custody" in Corrections-related literature reconsidered or otherwise changed?

A: No. The 2021 decision to use the phrase "person in custody" remains.

More Information Available

The above is an over-simplification of some frequently asked questions. Much more happened at this year's General Service Conference, which was reported on by your Area 11 Delegate at the Spring Assembly on May 22, 2022 (online). Several documents were distributed: (1) the written presentation that was provided, (2) a 1-page summary of highlights from the 72nd General Service Conference, (3) a full list of Advisory Actions of the 72nd G.S.C., (4) all Additional Committee Considerations, and (5) a memo that was written by your Area 11 Delegate regarding COVID-19 response at the General Service Conference. A number of these are available in the "Delegate's Report" section of ct-aa.org. Home group members, please ask your GSR for more info. Any GSRs in need of more info, please connect with your District Committee Member (DCM). Your trusted servants are here to help!

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