

# 2026 AREA 11 PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

(EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW – IN ONE  
PACKET)

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## Area 11 Pre-Conference Assembly 75th General Service Conference Theme: **Humility in Action**

Saturday, April 11, 2026 (Hybrid)  
Event runs approximately 9:00am-4:00pm

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### WHAT IS THE AREA 11 PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY AND WHY SHOULD I CARE?

**YOU SHOULD CARE BECAUSE A.A.'S WELL-BEING DEPENDS ON IT!**

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.

### **PREPARATION IS IDEAL!** **INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PREPARE:**

#### **ATTENTION GSRs: HOW TO USE THIS PACKET & WHAT TO DO**

- (1) Pick one or two agenda items (on the following pages) that you think will really be of interest to your group.
- (2) Familiarize yourself with the background material for those one or two agenda items (there are links to download the background material for each item. Download it and dive in.
- (3) Engage your group in a discussion and get their thoughts. You have an inevitably brief turnaround time between when you receive *this* packet and when the Pre-Conference Assembly takes place, so you will want to get going on this as soon as possible.
- (4) **Attend the Pre-Conference Assembly!** Share your thoughts and your group's thoughts. Moreover, listen to the thoughts of other GSRs and members that share. We might be amazed at how our mind can change the more information and experience we hear.

## **ATTENTION DCMS: HOW TO USE THIS PACKET & WHAT TO DO**

(1) Please make sure this packet is distributed to your District as soon as possible!

There is a brief turnaround time between the background material becoming available and the Pre-Conference Assembly. Please ensure all GSRs and all other trusted servants in your District receive this packet and understand the importance of it.

(2) Familiarize yourself with the background material on the agenda items that interest you (there are links to download the background material for each item—download it and dive in). You might consider picking a few to focus on.

(3) Help outreach the Pre-Conference Assembly, explain the process to GSRs and other members of your District, and do whatever you can to generate interest in this process.

(4) **Attend the Pre-Conference Assembly!**

## **ADDITIONAL TRUSTED SERVANTS AND ANY INTERESTED AA MEMBERS IN CT: HOW TO USE THIS PACKET & WHAT TO DO**

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(2) Help outreach the Pre-Conference Assembly, explain the process to GSRs and other members of your District, and do whatever you can to generate interest in this process.

(3) **Attend the Pre-Conference Assembly!**

# High Interest G.S.C. Agenda Items

This list includes items that your Area 11 Delegate is especially hoping to get your thoughts on. A large portion of the Pre-Conference Assembly will be allotted to gathering your thoughts on these.

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\*\*\*Consider a request to create a Twelve Step study guide or workbook.\*\*\*

Background Material Link for this Item: [click here](#)

**Brief Explanation:** This proposal is to establish a guide to help people work the steps in a more structured way. The proposed agenda item references improving approachability of the steps for people in custody and those in remote communities.

**The Question(s):** Should your General Service Office produce a Twelve Step study guide or workbook?

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\*\*\* Consider a request to discuss the location of the General Service Conference (GSC) (PAI-22).\*\*\*

Background Material Link for this Item: [click here](#)

**Brief Explanation:** There is a study (referred to as Location Plus) performed periodically to assess whether our current General Service Office location at 475 Riverside Drive in New York is the most cost and resource effective. This proposal seeks to research whether there might be a better option for location of the General Service Conference.

**The Question(s):** What are your thoughts on moving the General Service Conference to another location or leveraging online meeting capabilities for portions of the General Service Conference?

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\*\*\*Consider that the AA Grapevine, Inc., accept contributions.\*\*\*

Background Material Link: [click here](#)

**Brief Explanation:** A.A. Grapevine and La Vina, Inc. currently intends to be fully supported by sales of Grapevine literature and through subscriptions. If the separately incorporated Grapevine/La Vina is not self-supporting, the General Service Board has customarily authorized drawdowns to support any shortfall. This proposal attempts to reduce or eliminate the need for such drawdowns, by allowing members to contribute directly to Grapevine rather than support only by purchasing/subscribing.

**The Question(s):** Should Grapevine be permitted to accept voluntary contributions from A.A. members?

**\*\*\*Review draft of the Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous.\*\*\***

**Background Material Link for this Item:** [click here](#)

**Brief Explanation:** The first 164 pages will remain unchanged, but stories included in the back will be refreshed to better reflect experience of our current membership.

**The Question(s):** Are there any stories that must stay? Are there any particular features of sober story submitter's background that you feel should be represented or included in this collection of stories?

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**\*\*\*Review progress report on the development of a Plain Language Big Book amendment process.\*\*\***

**Background Material Link for this Item:** [click here](#)

**Brief Explanation:** There is no defined process to allow for changes to the Plain Language Big Book. This proposal attempts to address how changes may be made in the future.

**The Question(s):** Do you have any suggestions around a process for making changes to this book?

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**\*\*\*Review progress report of subcommittee exploring the needs of Spanish-speaking members for tools to access the Big Book.\*\*\***

**Background Material Link for this Item:** [click here](#)

**Brief Explanation:** At the 75<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference, there was some discussion around creating a Plain Language Spanish Big Book. Some members in another area reflected their experience that perhaps a different tool or tools might be more useful.

**The Question(s):** Are there any tools or resources other than a Plain Language translation that would be helpful to members who speak Spanish as a primary language?

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**\*\*\*Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW)**

i. Discuss the suggestion to discontinue the annual review of service

kits and workbooks by Conference committees.

ii. Discuss the suggestion that a similar number of agenda items be assigned to each Conference Committee.

iii. Discuss creating a "Conference Committee on Digital Communications."\*\*\*

**Background Material Link for this Item:** [click here](#)

**Brief Explanation:** Conference Agenda items are filtered through a process referred to as Equitable Distribution of Work (EDW). This aims to ensure that Conference Committees have a more even distribution of agenda items at each year's Conference. These suggested items would further influence how agenda items are distributed.

**The Question(s):** Do you have any thoughts on the above potential changes?

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**\*\*\*Consider a request to produce an animated video based on the pamphlet "The Twelve Steps Illustrated."\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Consider a request to produce an animated video based on the pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated."\*\*\***

**Background Material Link for this Item:** [click here](#)

**Brief Explanation:** There are related proposals respecting creation of videos based on pamphlets. This is similar in nature to the Twelve Concepts Video approved by the 75<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference.

**The Question(s):** Do you think this would be an effective tool for our membership? Others? Are there other forms of content that might work better?

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**\*\*\*Consider a request to define eligibility for Area-level service for members residing outside of the geographic area they want to serve.\*\*\***

**Background Material Link for this Item:** [click here](#)

**Brief Explanation:** People move, leave their region, leave their home state. This item seeks to have the General Service Conference address eligibility for those living outside of the geographical area they serve. This could apply to Delegates, Regional Trustees, or even Trustees at Large.

**The Question(s):** Should the General Service Conference address eligibility for Area-Level trusted servants? Are there any considerations you have around eligibility for other trusted servants even lower in our service structure (trustees)?

## **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND BACKGROUND MATERIAL**

Here you can find background material for all the other agenda items. Feel free to explore any items that interest you. **A large portion of time at the Pre-Conference Assembly will be allocated to gathering your thoughts on the items noted on the previous pages. Nevertheless, there will be an opportunity for you to share your thoughts on other General Service Conference agenda items and topics, and to share “what’s on your mind.”**

Full list of 76<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference Agenda items: [here](#)

76<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference Full Combined Background Material: [here](#)

76<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference Full Background By Committee: [here](#)

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### **The Day’s Schedule (9:00am-4:00pm)**

A program with the schedule for the day will probably be emailed out very shortly before the event itself begins. The **entire** event is important—please plan to attend all of it from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

### **Confused? Have Questions?**

If you need any additional information, please reach out to your DCM (District Committee Member) as they are there to help you. If all of this is new to you and you are still unsure who you can contact within the service structure, feel free to reach out to the Area 11 Alternate Delegate: [alt-delegate@ct-aa.org](mailto:alt-delegate@ct-aa.org).