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AA District 09 Solano South

CENTRAL OFFICE NEWSLETTER



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WE NEED A CENTRAL OFFICE COORDINATOR!!!!

If you are interested please come to the Central Office meeting the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm Zoom Id: 594 146 1966

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"We are again citizens of the world. It is a distraught world, very tired, very uncertain. It has worshiped its own self-sufficiency – and that has failed. We AAs are a people who once did that very thing. That philosophy failed us, too. So perhaps, here and there, our example of recovery can help."

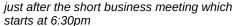
AA Co-Founder, Bill W., October 1944, "A Date With Destiny", The Language of the Heart



2021 District 09 General Service

Delegates Report September 13th from 7pm to 8pm

On **ZOOM**



Zoom ID: 895 6759 4853

Hear the our Area Delegate, *Jennifer B.*, report back on her experience, strength and hope from the General Service Conference.

As some of you know, this year marked a lot of change. The ones that attract most interest are related to literature, specifically the Big Book and the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.

- A Fifth Edition of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, be developed, including an update of stories
- Pending its development, the draft Fifth Edition of the Big Book would include a new foreword, an updated preface and updates to expand on existing ideas in Appendices III and V.
- A Fourth Edition of the book, Alcohólicos Anónimos, be developed
- A draft version of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous (Fourth Edition), be translated into plain and simple language
- A revision be made to page 117 in the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions
- The sentence which includes the phrase "lustful enough to rape" in paragraph one on page 66 in the chapter "Step Six" of the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, be revised
- The Long Form of each Tradition be included at the end of each essay for that Tradition in the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions

This is your chance to hear the full story and ask questions directly to the Delegate on these and other topics.



Step

"Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others."

MEETING NOTES:

The Vallejo Monday Night Women's Meeting has relocated:

Effective Monday, September 6, 2021 we are now meeting at

The First Christian Church

1035 Indiana St. (corner of Indiana and Colusa St.) <u>Vallejo, Ca. 94590</u>

Please enter from the Colusa St. doors. Meeting on 2nd Floor (no elevator) 7:00 - 8:00 pm In-Person Meeting / Masks Required

Water-bottle Earl needs support for his online meetings



Several members can't do in-person meetings for health reasons. Earl is currently the secretary for three online meetings (all use same Meeting ID: 865 7556 2290):

Monday Literature Study 7:30pm-8:30pm Wednesday Spring Hill Step Study 8pm-9pm Friday Night Lights Daily Reflections 8pm-9pm

These meetings could use support, and Earl could use assistance in secretarying the meetings

CNCA 06

California Northern Coastal Area of AA

Delegates Corner

There have been times over the years when I felt strongly about some item of A.A. business, or even been the maker of a motion that did not pass, and I had to accept that a vote did not go my way. Because I had voiced my opinion, and listened to others when they shared. I was able to accept the group conscience and move on. The ability to compromise cheerfully is one I have gladly cultivated in sobriety, as I prize our A.A. unity above my personal preferences. I may not always agree with a decision, but I agree with our process and I trust that a higher power as expressed in our group conscience has acted in the best interest of the group. the district, the area, or A.A. as a whole. If we later realize we made an error, we can correct it.

Some of the Conference decisions this year have resulted in confusion and controversy and members are talking about what they can do to reverse decisions. I find it disturbing that some are making it political, as if the decisions were motivated by anything other than wanting to reach the still-suffering alcoholic. I heard all different points of view expressed at the Conference, and I assure you that we were thoughtful in our decisionmaking. Making the language of A.A's message of hope

provide AA members a chance to

The Area website, <u>www.cnca06.org</u> is frequently updated and has up-to-date information on all events.

more inclusive and accessible does not mean we took anything away from what is already working. But I understand that change can be uncomfortable, especially when it involves cherished aspects of the program that saved our lives.

Despite my belief that we made good decisions, I welcome the voices of dissenting opinion, especially if they feel as if they were not heard the first time. We may see more groups electing GSRs in order to participate in the decision-making that they feel they were left out of. That would be cool. The more groups that participate through their GSR, the more the Conference can truly act for A.A. as a whole. Let's just remember that we can disagree without being disagreeable. As Bill wrote in his essay on leadership, those times when we have to decide whether to compromise or stick firmly to our convictions "are situations for keen timing and careful discrimination as to which course to take." Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions about how we made our loving decisions at the Conference, or if you need any information on how to submit a proposed Conference agenda item using the form on our website.

Participation is the key to harmony,

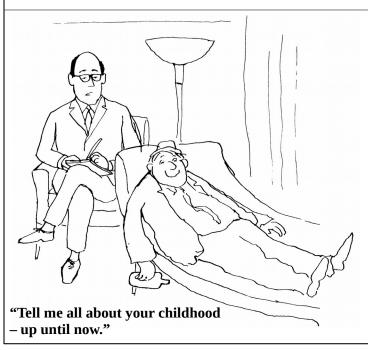
Jennifer B., Panel 71 Delegate

Go To A Virtual Regional AA Forum! Where: On your computer Cost: It's free! **East Central:** Nov. 19-21, 2021 tral Re **West Central:** Sept. 10-12, 2021 Southwest: Hosted by the General Service Oct. 8-10, 2021 Office of AA, each day will include workshops, presentations, O&As, general sharing, information about Register at aa.org GSO, Grapevine & La Vina, our Bahamas Click on "Regional Forums." All Class A trustees and much, much, share with representatives of the members are invited, so get on the more! These regional forums General Service Board and GSO virtual bus! Bring a newcomer!

and to learn more about AA









Driven by a hundred forms of fear, self-delusion, self-seeking, and selfpity, we step on the toes of our fellows and they retaliate.



"Thank goodness they're sober. Can you imagine if they were still drinking?"

-RUTH H., Wisconsin



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VALLEJO FELLOWSHIP'S Virtual Speaker Meeting!

First Saturday of the Month at 7pm



September 4th –Jimmy and Vanessa S. *from 29 Palms CA*

October 2th – Linda G. *from Martinez*

zoom

MEETING I.D. 238-929-5018 Pass Code: 926465

OPEN SERVICE POSITIONS

Central Office:

<u>Central Office Coordinator</u> - maintains the schedule of volunteers who staff the Central Office, recruits and trains volunteers

<u>Recording Secretary</u> - takes notes of what goes on at the Central Office Monthly Business Meeting

<u>Alternate Chairperson</u> - fills in for the Chairperson in his absence, takes over the Chair position next year

<u>General Service Liaison</u> - attends district General Service and Central Office meetings and reports on activities for both

Central Office meeting is the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm on Zoom Zoom Id: 594 146 1966

District General Service:

<u>District Committee Member (DCM)</u> – each of the three sub-districts has a DCM, regularly attends all District meetings, the monthly area meeting and area assemblies, assist GSRs in becoming acquainted with The AA Service Manual and other service material.

<u>District Cooperation with the Professional</u>
<u>Community/Public Information Chair</u> - attends the monthly District meeting, reach out to the Professional Community in District, attend monthly Area CPC meetings.

<u>District Literature/Grapevine Chair</u> - attend the monthly District meeting, attend groups and talk about AA literature and the Grapevine, attend monthly Area Literature/Grapevine meetings.

Bridging the Gap Chair - attend the monthly District meeting, act as liaison with the Area BTG Committee – attending the monthly Area BTG meeting, create and maintain a list of volunteers who act as the contact people.

District General Service meeting is the second Monday of every month at 7pm on Zoom Zoom Id: 895 6759 4853 The Central Office Corner

Sobriety Birthdays In the month of



missed

last month Adina

September



Honore M. 9/13/1987 (34 Years!!)

Stutter Dan 9/23/2006 (15 Years!!)

Jeff J. 9/11/2014 (7 Years!!)

Steve M. 9/29/1999 (22 Years!!)

Trina R. 9/08/2011 (10 Years!!)

Robyn C. 9/27/2002 (19 Years!!)

Diane C. 9/13/1995 (26 Years!!)

John K. 9/10/1998 (23 Years!!)

Eddie B. 9/28/2005 (16 Years!!)

Maureen T. 9/06/2009 (12 Years!!)

Tim W. 9/07/2014 (7 Years!!)

Rick W. 9/23/2016 (5 Years!!)

Maureen B. 9/22/12 (9 Years!!)

Adina B 8/30/2003 (18 Years!!)

District 09 Solano South

MONTHLY BIRTHDAY

SPEAKER MEETING!

Tony W.
From Fairfield

September 10th 8:00pm

At Clock Tower

1189 WASHINGTON STREET, BENICIA



A.A. District 09 August 2021 Southern Solano County

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
This isn't the complete list of meetings in District and meetings are changing weekly regarding COVID. Check the website for the latest.	30 Attitude Adjustment Get to the Point Discussion St. Paul's Episc. 1st & J St., Benicia 8:00-9:00 PM Every Monday	31 American Canyon Fellowship 11 Poco Way American Canyon 7-8:00 AM Every Tuesday	CENTRAL OFFICE Business Meeting the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm on Zoom Zoom Id: 594 146 1966	2 Benicia Hill Top Discussion 1305 West 2nd St. Benicia Congressional Chr. 8:00-9:00pm No Smoking Every Thursday	Vallejo Fellowship 12:00 Noon to 1:00pm 942 Tennessee St, Vallejo Every Friday	4 Vallejo Fellowship Speaker Night 9:00pm Zoom. 238-929-5018 Pass Code: 926465 First Saturday of the Month
5 Go to Any Lengths	6 American Canyon	7 Mare Island Grp	8 Vallejo Fellowship	9 Benicia First Street	10 District 09 Monthly	11 2 or More Book
Online 9:30am-10:30am Zoom: 834 3950 6139 Every Sunday	Fellowship 11 Poco Way American Canyon 7-8:00 PM	Online Rotating Format 730pm—830pm Zoom:865 7556 2290	Early Birds 7-8:00am 942 Tennessee St, Vallejo	Group 6:30-7:30pm Heritage Pres. Ch 1400 E 2nd St,	Birthday Speaker Meeting 8:00pm Clock Tower	Study 9-10:00 am Reception Hall 101 Temple Way
2 rely banday	Every Monday	Every Tuesday	Every Wednesday	Benicia Every Thursday		West Central Forum On Zoom
* denotes "closed" meetings. Only humans with a desire to stop drinking are encouraged to attend West Central Forum On Zoom	DISTRICT 09 GENERAL SERVICE Business Meeting the second Monday of every month at 7pm on Delegate's Report On Zoom	Benicia Straits Speaker Discussion Southern Solano Alano Club 2046 Columbus Pkwy, Benicia 7:30-8:45 Every Tuesday	Attitude Adjust St. Paul's Episc. 1st & J St. Benicia 7-8:00 AM Tu-Sat	16 11 th Step Meditation Meeting So. Solano Alano 2046 Columbus Pkwy, Benicia 6:30-7:30pm Every Thursday	The Grapevine Speaks Grapevine/Discussion Online Zoom: 312-029-395 6-7pm Every Friday	Serenity on Saturday Speaker/Discussion, Online Zoom 881 3928 1979 10:00-11:00am Every Saturday
19 Benicia Sunday Night Discussion St. Paul's Episc. 1st & J St., Benicia 8-9:00 PM Every Sunday Bday meeting 4 rd Sunday	20 Attitude Adjust Online Zoom: 401 588 9043 PW: Attitude 7-8:00 AM Mon 6:30-7:30 AM Sun	Here & Now Big Book Study Online Zoom: 865 7556 2290 Noon-1:00 Every Tuesday	Spring Hill Study Group '12 by 12' Online Zoom: 865 7556 2290 8-9 pm Every Wednesday	23 Vallejo Fellowship Early Birds 7:00-8:00AM 942 Tennessee St, Vallejo Every Thursday	24 Friday Night Lights Daily Reflections Online Zoom: 865 7556 2290 8-9 pm Every Friday	Came to Believe Overlook Park 252 W Seaview Dr Benicia 7:00-8:00pm Every Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
Vallejo Fellowship Early Birds 942 Tennessee St, Vallejo 7:00 AM 7 days/WK	Vallejo Women's Group* Online Zoom: 444 380 8595 7-8:00pm Every Monday	Benicia First St. Group Heritage Pres. Ch. 1400 E 2 nd St Benicia 6:30-7:30pm Every Tuesday	Men' 12by12 Study * Southern Solano Alano Club 2046 Columbus Pkwy, Benicia 7:30-8:30pm Every Wednesday	Benicia 1st St Grp Topic discussion Meeting Heritage Pres Ch. 1400 East 2nd St 6:30-7:30pm Every Thursday	TGIF Living Sober Book Study Southern Solano Alano Club 2046 Columbus Pkwy, Benicia noon-1:00pm.	A Vision for You Online Zoom: 719 577 3029 Noon to 1:00pm Every Saturday
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First Street Group 12 and 12 Meeting Heritage Presbyterian Church 1400 East 2nd St Benicia 5-6:00 PM Every Sun

A.A. On the Web...

Alcoholics Anonymous Official Site: http://www.aa.org/
District 09 Southern Solano AA http://www.aasolanosouth.org/
Northern Solano AA: http://www.contracostaaa.org/
Our Neighbors in Contra Costa: http://www.contracostaaa.org/
NorCalAA http://norcalaa.org/index.html

The Vallejo Fellowship is located at: 942 Tennessee St, Vallejo, CA Vallejo Fellowship Telephone number is 707-557-6318

You can make your contributions to Central Office electronically through:

Please visit Venmo.com on your computer or the Venmo app on your phone and search for our Treasurer, @Michael-LaPlante-8. You will be able to make a contribution there. **Thank you!**

South Solano County Central Office

All Prices include 8.625% Sales Tax

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B-0	Applyorsary 75 Edition of Alashaliss Aparymous	¢12 F0			
	Anniversary 75 Edition of Alocholics Anonymous	\$13.50			
B1	Alcoholics Anonymous 4th Edition(Hard Cover)	\$11.00			
B30	Alcoholics Anonymous 4th Edition (Soft cover)	\$10.00			
B16	Alcoholics Anonymous 4th Edition (Large Print))	\$12.00			
B35	Alcoholics Anonymous 4th Edition (Abr. Pocket Version)	\$5.75			
B2	12 Steps and 12 Traditions	\$11.00			
B15	12 Steps and 12 Traditions (Soft Cover)	\$9.50			
B14	12 Steps and 12 Traditions (Large Print)	\$10.00			
B17	12 Steps and 12 Traditions (Pocket Soft Cover)	\$7.50			
B12	Daily Reflections	\$12.00			
B19	Daily Reflections (Large Print)	\$13.00			
B7	Living Sober	\$6.50			
B25	Living Sober (Large Print)	\$7.00			
B5	As Bill Sees It (Hard and Pocket Version)	\$10.00			
B27	As Bill Sees It (Large Print)	\$10.50			
В6	Came To Believe	\$6.50			
B26	Came To Believe (Large Print)	\$7.00			
В3	AA Comes of Age	\$12.00			
B8	Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers	\$12.00			
В9	Pass It On	\$12.00			
B13	AA In Prisons: Inmate to Inmate	\$4.00			
B20	Experience, Strength, and Hope	\$7.00			
GV-06	The Language of the Heart	\$15.75			
GV-11	The Language of the Heart (Soft Cover)	\$14.50			
GV-15	The Home Group- Heart Beat of AA	\$15.00			
GV-17	Emotional Sobriety/ GV- 26 Emotional Sobriety II	\$15.00			
GV-13	Thank You for Sharing /GV- 34 Forming True Partnerships	\$15.00			
GV-31	No Matter What / GV- 29 Happy, Joyous & Free	\$15.00			
BM31	The AA Service Manual and 12 Concepts For World Service	\$5.00			
BM32	12 Concepts For World Service	\$4.75			
BB-06	The Best of Bill (Soft Cover)	\$6.25			
BB-07	The Best of Bill (Large Print)	\$7.25			
NP-01	Newcomer Packets	\$1.00			
All	Pamphlets and folding Wallet Cards	\$0.25			

ALL SPANISH BOOKS ARE THE SAME PRICE AS THE ENGLISH VERSION

Southern Solano Central Office Monthly

Birthday Speaker Meeting

Speaker:

Tony W. from Fairfield



Friday, September 10th, 2021

8 pm at the Clock Tower in Benicia

DIRECTIONS TO THE CLOCK TOWER @ 1189 WASHINGTON STREET, BENICIA: Concord: Take HWY 780 to Fifth Street Exit. Turn left onto Fifth Street at bottom

of ramp.

Vallejo: Take HWY 780 to Fifth Street Exit. Turn right onto Fifth Street at bottom of ramp

Proceed to the light and turn left onto Military East. Proceed about half of a mile, bear left at the fork when the street splits. As you near the end of the street, look for an uphill driveway on the left side with a gate that says "Johansen Square/Commandant's Lane". This is the Clock Tower entrance.



An
Alcoholics Anonymous
Event for Women

Opening Welcome
Joy of Service
Morning Panel
10:10-11:00 am

Morning Speaker 11:10am-12:15pm Madeleine P. Happy Valley, Oregon

History of Hand in Hand Doing the Footwork Afternoon Panel 12:20-1:20 pm

> Afternoon Speaker 1:25-2:25 pm Nancy H. Green Valley, Arizona

HAND IN HAND Women's Day of Unity

A Virtual Event Saturday, September 11, 2021 10:00 am to 2:30 pm PDT

Gratitude in Action

Joy of Service * Doing the Footwork

Registration is Free

Our Registration Link

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIIdiqpz0oGNao0zyIQe8rHGbJ55uWEqHq

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

For more information, please contact Fran H. at (925) 329-7951 or Nancy M. at (209) 327-7151 Marin Alano Club Presents

Monday, Sept. 6th, 2021

Labor Day

Speaker Meeting & BBQ

AA Meeting: 12 noon

Speaker: Spencer D.

BBQ lunch served right after the Meeting Suggested Donation \$10

\$8 for MAC members



INCLUDING: Live Music

Proceeds to Benefit Marin Alano Club



San Francisco **Unity Day 2021**

Saturday, October 9 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM (PST)

Zoom I.D.: 856 7970 4357

Password: 1935

"RECOVERY, UNITY & SERVICE IN A TIME OF CHANGE"

10 AM THREE LEGACIES PANEL*

> Siobhan O. (San Francisco, CA) Donna B. (Philadelphia, PA) Kristee O. (San Francisco, CA) Nikki T. (San Francisco, CA) Teddy B-W. (Oakland, CA)

ROUNDTABLES & ORIENTATIONS 11 AM

> INTERGROUP COMMITTEES Accessibilities, Archives, Fellowship, The Point, Public Relations, Sunshine Club, Technology, HelpChat & Teleservice

1PM **ROUNDTABLES & ORIENTATIONS**

> **HOSPITAL & INSTITUTION BRIDGING THE GAP GGYPAA**

A.A. GRAPEVINE/LAVIÑA

SAFETY IN A.A. WORKSHOP* 2 PM

Madeleine P. (Happy Valley, OR)

Vera F. (Bend, OR)

Hosted by General Service District 06. For info, email events@sfgeneralservice.org *English-Spanish interpretation provided.

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Are you missing anyone from your meetings?

The new Marin Accessibilities Committee's current activity has been to obtain donations of used tech equipment for members unable to otherwise attend Zoom meetings.

Please help us look for members who might need this equipment !?

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District 10 Accessibilities Committee Mission Statement:

To develop and offer resources to make the Alcoholics Anonymous message, and participation in our program of recovery, available to the needs of A.A. groups and meetings.

Please contact Jennifer K. 415-898-9589 h or 415-271-1465 c (2/15/21)

AA Group Inventory for the COVID-19 Era

Many groups periodically hold a "group inventory meeting" to evaluate how well they are fulfilling their primary purpose to help alcoholics recover through A.A.'s suggested Twelve Steps of recovery.

In the COVID-19 era, many groups quickly transitioned to virtual (online) meetings, and may now wish to step back and evaluate how they're doing. With the rapidly changing landscape of our fellowship, groups may need an inventory to reflect our new circumstances.

Here we offer you a set of group inventory questions adapted to the COVID-19 era. (Based in part on questions in "The AA Group" pamphlet.)

Here are some suggested questions that your group could ask itself:

- 1. What is the basic purpose of our group?
- 2. How well is our group carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic?
- 3. How well is our group serving members who were present before the pandemic? Who has been "left behind"?
- 4. Have we reached out to help members who are not "tech-savvy" get connected? Is a phone and email contact list available to members?
- 5. Is our group attracting alcoholics from different backgrounds? Are we seeing a good cross-section of our community, including those with accessibility issues? What kind of alcoholics are we not seeing at our meeting?
- 6. Are we getting many visitors from outside our area? How are we welcoming them to our group?
- 7. Do we effectively emphasize and facilitate sponsorship in the virtual environment? How can we do it better?
- 8. Since going virtual, how have our group chores/responsibilities changed? Have we let any important functions go unfulfilled?
- 9. Do we need to modify our group's format to better suit meeting virtually? Why or why not?
- 10. How are we conducting our virtual elections for service positions? Despite being virtual, are we still practicing the spirit of rotation?
- 11. What measures are we taking to ensure safety in our meetings, both against trolls/bombers and with respect to existing members?
- 12. Are we recording our meeting? Why or why not? If so, what precautions are we taking to ensure anonymity?
- 13. Is our group continuing to do its fair share toward participating in our Three Legacies Recovery, Unity, and Service?
- 14. How is our group fulfilling its responsibility to the Seventh Tradition? Are we meeting our expenses and maintaining a prudent reserve? Are we providing both digital and non-digital ways to contribute? Why or why not?

If your group is considering reopening in-person meetings, here are some additional questions you may wish to ask. But first, a few words to consider:

Fortunately, newcomers have been getting sober in Zoom meetings. What this pandemic has taught us is that there are many ways to connect—not just locally, but internationally—and there are lots of ways to carry the message. While we all miss meeting safely in person, we have more tools available to us to stay sober. We can attend meetings anywhere in the world; we can invite speakers from afar to chair our meetings; we can attend workshops, round-ups, and other events from the comfort of our homes. Phone and online meetings do not replace the need for in-person meetings, but they've added to all the ways that we can carry the message of hope and recovery to still suffering alcoholics and old-timers, alike. So, our decisions to reopen should be made carefully and deliberately. A higher power guides us through this process if we ask for help.

- 1. Do we have members who would be comfortable with resuming in-person meetings right now?
- 2. Do we have members who are not going to want to return to in-person meetings until there is a vaccine?
- 3. Are there members who will never be able to attend in-person meetings?
- 4. How do our members want to decide whether to resume in-person meetings again? Majority vote?
- 5. What kind of alcoholics would we not see at in-person meetings? Will people we are serving now be left out of our meetings? Is that important?
- 6. Do we want to continue to serve the people who cannot attend in-person meetings? Which path do we want to take:
 - Have hybrid in-person/virtual meetings, or
 - Have separate virtual and in-person meetings, or
 - Have only in-person meetings, and direct people who cannot attend them to other fellowships?
- 7. If we do not resume some form of in-person meetings as soon as they are allowed, are we concerned that we will lose access to our previous meeting facility? Will our group be able to afford rent with the lower attendance implied by social distancing requirements? Are there other options for meeting places?
- 8. At in-person meetings, are we willing to adhere to public health regulations for social distancing, maximum meeting capacity, wearing masks, and providing contact information for contact tracing, in order to protect our members' health and uphold the law? If yes, how will we handle it if, for example, too many people arrive for a meeting, or if someone refuses to wear a mask or provide contact information?
- 9. Do we anticipate having sufficient 7th Tradition contributions to cover the additional expenses for cleaning/sanitizing supplies and personal protective equipment (e.g., gloves, extra masks) for in-person meetings?

10. If we want to have hybrid in-person/virtual meetings, do we anticipate having sufficient 7th Tradition contributions to cover possible acquisition of equipment such as a microphone, camera, loudspeaker, and laptop/monitor, as well as possible monthly internet/wifi expenses? Do we have adequate and secure storage for hybrid meeting equipment?