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New Regions and Applying Concept Two

Recently, there has been some confusion about the role of the World Service Board of Trustees when new regions are being formed. We offer the following clarification. The duties and responsibilities of the board are in The Nar-Anon Family Groups' Guide to World Services (GWS) and in our Bylaws. We strive to put the principles of Nar-Anon at the forefront of all service work. Concept Twelve reminds us, "In keeping with the spiritual nature of Nar-Anon, our structure should always be one of service, never of governance." The board has no governing authority to demand groups stay within an area or region. Concept Two clearly defines who has the final responsibility and authority for the groups and it is the groups themselves. All service boards are ultimately accountable to the groups.

Concept Two: The final responsibility and authority for Nar-Anon services rests with the Nar-Anon Family Groups.

Regions must accept when groups and areas want to break away to form new regions or areas. It may be geographical boundaries are too vast, conflicts with personalities, or other reasons. Please try to keep the needs of the groups at the forefront of all your services. We ask you to look within your service structure and apply Tradition Twelve and Concept Twelve to work towards unity. Through effective communication, we can strive to do what is best for the groups we serve.

The World Service Office (WSO) and its staff, Board of Trustees, and World Service Committees are resources for all members, groups, areas, and regions. Members of the fellowship seeking assistance are encouraged to contact any of these trusted servants or committees.