



AA – A Solution for All Generations From the SENY Delegate - Panel 67

“AA – A Solution for All Generations” is the theme for the 68th General Service Conference. You’ll find that fact in the final report from the 67th General Service Conference, which is available for the first time in an anonymity-protected version online. It’s posted at aaseny.org.

How did an anonymity-protected electronic version come about? That answer is in the final conference report, too! It was an advisory action that came out of the Report and Charter Committee and was voted on at this year’s Conference. Forty-four other advisory actions were recommended by the Conference’s standing committees and approved by the Conference body as a whole.

I’m guessing you’re now wondering how to find out about all those other actions taken by the 67th GSC? Well, you’re in luck! They are all in the final report, as are the formal remarks, keynotes, board reports, presentations, and workshops.

You can really get a great sense of what transpired. In the keynote address at the opening of the Conference, Billy N., Class B Trustee, talked about the importance of “embracing the great Twelve Traditions because “enforcement never worked in Alcoholics Anonymous...and (it’s) the duty of every leader in AA to do the same.”

You can find out how many copies of our books and pamphlets were sold in English, Spanish, and French. There’s extensive budgetary information and audited financials as well.

One of my favorite sections is the area highlights. They are the two-minute overviews that first-year delegates get to present at the Conference. I enjoy seeing the diversity in how we carry the message across the U.S. and Canada.

Tradition Nine states that while we ought never be organized, we may create service boards and committees directly responsible to those that serve. Who is’s on these boards at the bottom of the service triangle? Well, another first for this year’s final report is that you can read brief bios for nontrustee directors from the AAWS and Grapevine boards, along with the bios of the 21 trustees.

You’re not going to find this information anywhere else, so please see the report as an inspiring service tool to be read with service sponsees. The more I embrace all 36 spiritual principles, the bigger my life keeps getting.

Yours in service,
John W.

Your voice in *The Link*

Are you willing to share your experience, strength and hope about your service in A.A. at the group, district, county or area level? **The Link** is published ten times per year and welcomes articles from all AAs in our area. Please limit your article to 275 words, and email it to link@aaseny.org or mail it c/o The Link Editor, P.O. Box 571, NY, NY 10116. Thanks!

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“Supporting Our Future”

Theme of AA’s 2017 General Service Conference

The NYS Informational Workshop From the SENY Area Chair

The New York State Informational Workshop (NYSIW) rotates among the four areas of New York State and is held over a summer weekend. We use it to inform each other about committee activity in our respective areas. This year's NYSIW, the 38th, was hosted by Central NY, Area 47.

SENY's presenters did an amazing job! We all learned from each other. Every day, as your area chair, I get to see the broad application of the Fourth Tradition. Just as each group is autonomous, (except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole) so is each district, each county, each area!

We collaborated with next year's host area, Area 48-HMB (Hudson-Mohawk-Berkshire), to ensure the availability of Spanish translation! We worked with Don, the current alternate delegate/chair. In Area 48, the alternate delegate is also the area chair, and once elected as such, becomes the delegate in the next rotation.

There were eight committee panels, starting Friday night, and continuing Saturday morning and afternoon; a GSO speaker Saturday night; and a Delegates' Panel Sunday morning, at which we heard from the four New York State delegates about their experience at the General Service Conference. I call the NYSIW "summer camp" because it's held in a retreat or school setting, and meals are included. Somebody there said it's the "biggest bang for your buck of all AA weekend events." Not sure I'd say it quite like that, but many agreed. It's certainly fun and informative.

Bundles of gratitude to our SENY committee chairs, DCMCs, and delegate for your presentations—you did SENY proud!

Happy for no summer hangovers, and thrilled to have this commitment.

Jane E.



Planning a Workshop? From the DCM, District 601

In August 2016, District 601, which represents 35 groups in lower Manhattan, hosted a workshop called "How to Run An AA Business Meeting." I participated in the planning.

I don't remember us considering the venue's accessibility to AAs with limited mobility. I don't remember us discussing the need for a sign language interpreter, nor simultaneous Spanish translation. In assembling AA literature on business meetings (my job), I can report that I did not think about having anything to offer in large type, Braille or Spanish (which is readily available through GSO).

None of us, least of all me, considered how many AAs might not be able to participate in – or even attend – our workshop, simply because we hadn't given these issues some attention. We repeated the workshop in August, but this time, we did.

We specifically looked at our venue's physical accessibility. We arranged to have a sign language interpreter. We offered illustrated, large-type and Spanish language AA literature in printed and digital formats (access to the internet is another "accessibility" issue).

While doing publicity for the workshop, we reached out to groups offering sign language: "Oxford Group" and "High Noon" in Manhattan; "Conscious Contact" in Staten Island, and "Cleary School" in Suffolk County. Our flyer highlighted that we would have an interpreter. We wanted AAs in these groups to know that if they needed this service to attend, we were prepared -- and that we wanted them to come.

Why the about-face? In January, District 601 began a two-year service assignment on Accessibility/Special Needs. Our eyes quickly opened to some of these issues, even though we still have so much to learn.

Before the workshop, I received an email from the GSR at one of these groups, who wrote: "The flyer was hand delivered to a member of my home group tonight who was (I believe) so grateful to be recognized and wants to go."

This made my day.

We hoped this workshop would provide an opportunity for fellow AAs to learn more about AA business meetings. This year, we were able to give this opportunity to more people, including some who don't always get such opportunities.

District 601 has begun planning for a workshop on Accessibility/Special Needs in AA. We're working with the SENY committee for this area. Be assured, there will be a sign language interpreter!

Michael M.

Ready for Service: the 9th Tradition From the GSR - Independence Group, Riverdale

Wouldn't absolute order be the cornerstone of a program of recovery from the chaos of active alcoholism? No, actually. Although it seems counterintuitive that AA should have no organization at all, our experience has shown that AAs cannot be dictated to, either individually or collectively. Stubborn and rebellious to the core, we don't respond well to directives.

Fortunately, it's not necessary to force compliance or impose constraints from without. *"Great suffering and great love are AA's disciplinarians; we have no others."*¹ We are convinced that if we don't follow the 12 Steps with honesty, open-mindedness and willingness, we will die. If not physically, then surely as the "walking dead," having abandoned the gift of a full life.

For this unorganized organization to do its 12th Step work, we create service boards and committees which, by group conscience, are entrusted to fulfill essential tasks. Our representatives are guided by the spirit of service, and answer to the fellowship. They assume no intrinsic authority. Each group runs according to its own conscience, and each individual performs his service commitment as he or she sees fit. Being open, agile and adaptable is a necessity. I was once a member of a women's meeting where a man showed up for his very first meeting, not knowing it was gender specific. Our group voted to make a onetime format change and invited him to attend. There are many situations where changes need to be made "on the fly."

All the Traditions give me a chance to apply what I've learned through the Steps. The Ninth Tradition is a reminder that I need to stay involved in service, identify and carry out my responsibilities, be flexible and listen, practice patience, ask for help if I don't have an answer, and understand that by rotating these service positions, no one becomes the boss and everyone is given a chance to serve the group. Also, we must be flexible. Our particular group has a small core of committed members and each of us has his/her role without much rotation at the moment.

We all have more than one role. I have been group liaison and treasurer since our group's inception. Because of my particular relationship to the location and landlord of our group's meeting place, it has made sense for me to maintain these commitments. While I enjoy being of service in this way, I remain open to passing on these jobs when the time is right. I stay connected to my group and when issues arise at the building, I bring them to the group for discussion rather than make an independent decision. I am not the boss.

The Ninth Tradition, like the Ninth Step, is rooted in the spiritual triad of patience, acceptance and humility. It's a model for healthy interaction with others and for trusting our Higher Power to guide us, so that we can ensure that "When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA to always be there. And for that - I am responsible."

Sam V.

1. Bill W., *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*, pg. 120

2. *The Responsibility Declaration*, AA World Services

Inclusivity in the Digital Age From a Past SENY Delegate

Inclusivity is a fundamental principle of our Fellowship. It's expressed in the 3d Tradition, and appears in the 4th Concept as the 'Right of Participation.' Bill W. explained the spiritual reason for the 'Right of Participation': "All of us desire to belong. In A.A., no members are 'second class.' The 'Right of Participation' therefore reinforces Tradition Two, that no member is placed in 'ultimate authority' over another. We perform our service tasks better when we are sure we belong - when our 'participation' assures us we are truly the 'trusted servants' described in Tradition Two."¹

The age of technology promises greater participation for all. This assumes you have access to the Internet, and that you have developed a reasonable level of digital literacy-- defined as "the set of competencies required for full participation in a knowledge society. It includes knowledge, skills, and behaviors involving the effective use of digital devices such as smartphones, tablets, laptops and desktop PCs for purposes of communication, expression, collaboration and advocacy."²

When we limit service opportunities to those with Internet access or digital literacy, we become exclusive--not inclusive. As a past SENY Special Needs/Accessibility Chair, it has come to my attention that there is a new category of alcoholics around the world, and in Area 49, who have limited access to recovery and service based simply on their limited digital access and/or literacy. These should not be conditions for recovery or service in AA. It is an issue in the SENY area; and, as I have come to find out, in other areas as well.

Our program of recovery was started by one alcoholic talking and sharing with another alcoholic. It is still a very effective practice, and service is an excellent way to develop the communication skills needed in that exchange. I was certainly lacking them, and isolated, when I came to Alcoholics Anonymous 33 years ago.

I'm not saying that modern technology is not wonderful or useful to AA. We certainly try to keep up on all counts. That said, there is still a whole and important segment of our Fellowship who live without digital access or tools and are perfectly willing to serve. I think fondly of our past delegate Boyce B. who never had a computer and wrote extensively for the *AA Grapevine*, as well as always being an active, valuable member of SENY. We also have a bunch of wonderful older folks who add their strength, hope and experience to us all (as it is often said, if you don't drink or die, you will become one of these). Digital literacy is not a requirement for service.

To our young people in AA, I am so grateful to have you share with me all the new ways of communicating and sharing as I am still lucid enough to learn. Let's keep it that way. Together we can, as long as we remain inclusive.

Cookie S.

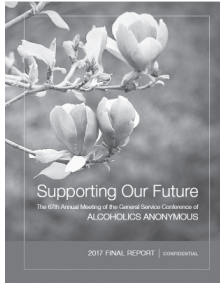
1. Bill W., *Twelve Concepts for World Service Illustrated*

2. Source: Wikipedia

The 2017 General Service Conference *(excerpt from the Final Report)*

Keynote Address *(partial)*

William N., General Service Trustee



The theme of this year's Conference is "Supporting Our Future," and for me there is only one way we can support the future of Alcoholics Anonymous, and that is by embracing the great Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. I say "embrace" because enforcement has never worked in Alcoholics Anonymous; it is

only when newcomers see those who came before them embracing the Traditions that they will want to embrace them, too. I am speaking of embracing all Twelve Traditions, not picking and choosing which ones are convenient. You will never win a popularity contest by standing up against a popular idea because your gut tells you it goes against one of our great Twelve Traditions, but it is every A.A. member's responsibility and the duty of every leader in A.A. to do the same. We don't embrace them out of fear but rather out of love for Alcoholics Anonymous, the only thing that has worked to arrest our alcoholism.

I told you my name, my service position, and that I am an alcoholic, but let me clearly state what I mean when I say I am an alcoholic. I am not a heavy drinker, a binge drinker, or even someone addicted to alcohol; rather, I suffer from an "allergy" to alcohol, an allergy that is clearly described and defined in two specific chapters in the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, "The Doctor's Opinion" and "More About Alcoholism." Every time I drink I have a reaction to alcohol that normal people do not; my body tells me I have to and need to keep drinking. On top of this physical compulsion, the next day or night when I grow uncomfortable in my own skin, my mind tells me the only way to feel comfortable again is to have the first drink regardless of the consequences the last time I drank.

The courts might believe they can mandate me to get better, and others feel they can legislate this; some doctors and scientists believe they can invent a vaccination or medicate my recovery. But I have accepted that only a spiritual experience as the result of the Twelve Steps can arrest my alcoholism. I know today that you can't sentence a spiritual experience, that you can't legislate a spiritual experience, and that, even as a sponsor, I can't schedule a spiritual experience. You can simply have a spiritual experience as a result of our Twelve Steps.

Just like the newcomer looks to the more experienced member for help with our Traditions, groups look to districts, districts to assemblies, and assemblies to the General

Service Conference and General Service Board to set an example. A.A.'s leaders have a sacred duty to, above all else, embrace all Twelve Traditions. I do not believe we should ever look for a way around a Tradition or try to make something work if it does not feel right. I firmly believe that you can't ask a newcomer to observe one Tradition while you ignore a few others. I believe it is time for many in Alcoholics Anonymous to stop using the Fourth Tradition to break other Traditions. History shows that the Fourth Tradition was not created to be a veto over the others; rather, it was created to give groups flexibility regarding group "customs." If any group — including an area assembly, area officers, the General Service Board or service corporations — breaks a Tradition, it is affecting other groups and A.A. as a whole.

Last year, I heard about a group that caught my attention for sure because this group had decided to let non-alcoholics become members of their group and hold service positions. The group believed that the Fourth Tradition gave them this flexibility, and I could not disagree more. This group wanted the world to know that they used the Fourth Tradition to reinterpret the Third Tradition. I want to respect all of A.A., every different opinion, even the A.A. that is different from mine, but I can't support any group that wants to rewrite our Traditions or declare our Traditions out of touch and old-fashioned. Nothing could be further from the truth.

We live in a changing world, and one can only wonder how much more quickly it will change 50 years from now. We, as voting members, are here to take care of A.A. today and for those already here, but we are all the lucky ones: our more important mission is to make sure A.A. is here for the alcoholic not here yet and not even born yet. We have a sacred duty to make sure that the A.A. that was here to greet us is present for those not here yet, and we can only guarantee that if we embrace all Twelve Traditions at every level of Alcoholics Anonymous.

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Today, all around the world, people's lives will change, and they will have no idea just how important today is — the first day of the rest of their lives. They will attend their first A.A. meeting. Next April, some of those people will get their one-year cake and celebrate their first A.A. anniversary. At those meetings, before they even speak, their family members will have tears in their eyes, seeing that our Steps can heal what all the money and love in the world could not heal.

For those who, like me, suffer from alcoholism, we know it is indeed the war of alcoholism, the battle for our very lives. Like any war, the front lines look much different from this nice room we are gathered in today. I echo the great words of past Class A trustee John Fromson, who warned others not to confuse the well-dressed people and pretty

The 2017 General Service Conference *(excerpt from the Final Report)*

rooms of New York service meetings with the more important work on the front lines of Alcoholics Anonymous, in home groups all around the world. Broken women and men of all ages have come to what we affectionately call “the last house on the block,” the house you come to because you are not welcome anywhere else. And our doors welcome all alcoholics. The long form of our great Third Tradition states that our membership ought to include all those who suffer from alcoholism.

I have been taught there are no honors in Alcoholics Anonymous — just opportunities to serve the Fellowship that saved my life. Opportunities to pay back a debt that never goes away. A debt that actually grows as one’s life is further put back together by the power of the Twelve Steps. A debt that can only be paid by giving service back to the Fellowship that gave us a second and sometimes a 100th chance. The paradox in our great Fellowship is that the more you get, the more you must give. At many service events I have been asked how much one is paid to be a trustee, and for a long time I would answer that we are not paid.

I have come to the conclusion that this was an improper answer because I have never been paid more in my life than I have for freely giving service to Alcoholics Anonymous. While Doctor Silkworth would be shocked to see how large the recovery economy has become, I feel confident that our founders smile down from above, knowing that A.A. is still for fun and for free. All the gold in Fort Knox would not come close to equaling how much I have been paid.

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Let’s go back to the spring of 1935, when Bill W. took his trip to Akron, Ohio. In 1935, a telephone — in particular, a pay telephone — was found in every hotel lobby. Imagine if Bill W. had no telephone to use that fateful day in Akron. It would be like someone looking for a meeting today while staying in a hotel with no Wi-Fi, or no computer in the lobby or business center. I think it is clear from my words that I support and believe we must use all available technology to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous and make sure we are where Alcoholics Anonymous and make sure we are where those with alcoholism look for help. I say this with one important reservation, and that reservation is that everything we do must fit within our great Twelve Traditions.

I look at the future 20 years from now and think about anonymity and affiliation. Anonymity is half of our name, and a subject so important it has two Traditions dedicated to it. Many speak of the anonymity of “press, radio and film” found in the Eleventh Tradition, but it seems we don’t talk enough about the anonymity found in we don’t talk enough about the anonymity found in the Twelfth Tradition centered around humility. It is not

in the DNA of the real alcoholic to be famous for being sober; our spiritual malady can’t handle fame based on sobriety.

I looked through our history to see the last time we as a Fellowship had to examine a new means of technology where some thought the benefit of that technology was so great it was worth ignoring our Traditions. I want to bring you all back to the early days of the VCR, the video-cassette recorder. These were the days at the end of the Betamax phase — hard to believe technology has changed so much in this relatively short amount of time. Many in A.A. thought we would be able to video the best speakers in A.A., and those groups that could not afford to fly in a speaker could instead have an audiovisual service position, much like the coffeemaker, who could play a video of the speaker for their members. What an incredible way to carry the message! However, our Fellowship, after many informed discussions, decided that videos of speakers showing their full faces did not fit within our great Twelve Traditions.

Why did we do this? After all, only A.A. members would see the video; no personal anonymity would be lost at the level of press, radio and film. Instead, we as a Fellowship embraced the lost anonymity-related Tradition, our great Twelfth Tradition. The Twelfth Tradition speaks of humility in relation to anonymity. It gives us a warning much like the warnings that we find all through the book Alcoholics Anonymous: We who suffer from alcoholism are not wired to be famous or receive accolades because we are sober. This may be different for the heavy or binge drinkers, but not for those of us who fit the description of membership found in our great Third Tradition.

I want to close with talking about Traditions One and Two. Our unity as a Fellowship must take the first seat out of all 12 seats. Without unity, our doors will not remain open, and our job as a service structure is to keep the doors open, the coffee warm and our literature available, and to make sure there is at least one cold seat open for the new woman or man who enters our Fellowship.

That’s where Tradition Two appears: only an informed group conscience allows us to decide what is good for A.A. and not good for A.A. A.A. Comes of Age made clear to me that the group always knows better than me, whether that is an A.A. group, a district, an assembly, the General Service Conference or the General Service Board. My job and duty is to carry out the group conscience. In a few rare circumstances I might need to exercise my right to a minority opinion or appeal, but that is a rare circumstance. The spiritual growth that my life depends on comes with me accepting that the group always knows better than me.

Highlights from A.A.W.S. (excerpts from the July 27, 2017 report)

The A.A. World Services Board met on Thursday, July 27, 2017, at the General Service Office, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY. Chair of the A.A.W.S. Board Richard P., welcomed all in attendance and opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

Staff Report

G.S.O.'s Website Design Committee is receiving presentations from potential vendors for the redesign and has been synchronizing work with the TCS app project, the communications audit and the bookstore catalog. Updated service material and the yellow Safety Card have been added to the "What's New" section of the website. G.S.O. staff are working on implementation of Advisory Actions. Additionally, a G.S.O. team has been meeting to prepare for the implementation of the 2017 Advisory Action that G.S.O. strive to translate all background into French and Spanish.

Six new C.P.C. banners were produced for use at national conferences, two in French, two in Spanish, and two in English. The Spanish and English banners made their debut at the National Council of La Raza, July 8-11. The French banner will get its first use in November at the College of Family Physicians of Canada Conference in Montreal. Local committees coordinated 91 prerelease requests and 18 requests for new meetings. The fellowship at large responded with over 90 volunteers to the CCS "Mail Call" printed in the July prison issue of the Grapevine.

The June 2017 literature activity update report was distributed to all delegates and literature committee chairs in the U.S. and Canada with information from the 2017 Conference, an update on Big Book translations and information about the availability of the new "Safety Card for A.A. Groups."

A.A.'s annual mailing to the media, distributed in June to 29,000 members of the media, had an open rate of 20% compared to an average open rate for email blasts of 8%. New literature display signage and floor standing banners of the Steps, Traditions and Concepts were introduced at the Northeast Regional Forum and a full forum workshop on "Safety in A.A." went well. The first of two Local Forums in 2017 was scheduled for July 21-23 in Area 72 Western Washington with the goal of broadening the understanding of general service among the Latino community. The Local Forum will be in Spanish with translation to English.

Publishing

The committee accepted the Publishing Department report, highlighting the following information:

Gross sales: June gross sales are under budget with actual gross sales at \$961,000, which is a \$243,720 or 20.23% negative variance against budget of \$1,204,720. For 2017 through the month of June, gross sales are above estimate: \$7,316,669 actual sales vs. estimate of \$7,157,772, which is a \$158,897 or 2.81% positive variance.

Web sales: Total web sales for June 2017 through the Online Bookstores stand at \$613,899, which accounts for about 64.8% of total sales for the company. Online orders for June stand at 1,301 which is 68.37% of the 1,903 total orders. Sales on the B2B online store (primarily Intergroup/Central Offices and other bulk orders) for June are \$437,072, and B2C sales (individual customers) stand at \$176,826.

Digital books: Total ebook gross sales January through June 2017 stand at \$110,189 with 28,342 units distributed. Additionally, a new ebook feature improving pagination navigation has been completed, with implementation to take place simultaneously upon receipt of all three language versions.

Translation reviews: January-June 2017 saw a 45% increase in translation reviews over the prior year and thus far 29 reviews were completed across 14 languages. Notable new requests come from: Brazil, Iceland, Latvia, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Turkey and Ukraine.


The committee also reviewed a request from an area for permission to begin work on a "re-translation" of the Third Edition Spanish Big Book. After thorough discussion, and in light of the history provided, the committee agreed that it would be a disservice to the Fellowship to foster multiple translations of the Spanish Big Book, and that there was not an expressed need within the Fellowship at this time for a re-translation of the Third Edition Spanish Big Book.

Finance

Self-Support: Following creation in June of an ad hoc A.A.W.S. committee on Self-Support that will report to the board through the Finance Committee, the committee met and agreed that its scope should be to recommend actions and ideas to A.A.W.S. that will help the Fellowship approach self-support from the perspective of contributions vs. services. The committee will also make a report to the trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee and it was suggested that the committee work with G.S.O. staff in order to keep abreast of any pertinent input received from the Fellowship.

Also noted was the impact of switching to new paper for the Big Book last year, which has already saved as much as \$70,000. There has also been a significant overall reduction of Conference expense in the travel, meals and accommodations cost line. Additionally, discussions have been taking place within the department regarding how to process contributions more effectively and efficiently.

Upcoming Events & Workshops



September 23
9am - 4pm

Villa Maria Academy
 3335 Country Club Rd
 Bronx, NY 10465

Mike M. 914-263-1429
 Matt M. 917-836-8169

6 Bx24
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 Bx24 Bus from Pelham Bay Station
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RAFFLE FOR AA LITERATURE

"My Name is Bill W"
 A film by D. Petrie



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Light snacks will be served

DANCE TO SOBRIETY
DISTRICT 620
2ND ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

When: Saturday, September 30th
 Where: St. Philips Church
 204 West 134th Street
 Time: 8PM-1AM

Tickets are \$20 for information contact: DISTRICT620@gmail.com




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A CPC Workshop for A.A. Members only
 (closed to the public)

Saturday October 7th
 10:30 am - 3:30 pm
 (doors open at 9:30am for breakfast)

Rossville AME Zion Church
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 Staten Island, NY

Dynamic speakers & role-play on the topic
"What A.A. does & does not do."

We are anonymous not invisible

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 with your own professional* during an office visit.
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* Clergy/Doctor/Social Worker/Counselor/Probation Officer/Therapist

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Upcoming deadlines for submission of articles and flyers to *The Link*:

- Wednesday, September 20 (for distribution at the October 2 Area Committee meeting)
- Wednesday, October 25 (for distribution at the November 6 Area Committee meeting *and* at the November 11 Area Assembly)
- Sunday, November 19 (for distribution at the December 4 Area Committee meeting)
- Wednesday, December 27 (for distribution at the January 13 Area Assembly)

Upcoming 2017-2018 Area Committee Meetings and Assemblies

9/16/17	8:30 am	Area Assembly	Orange County Community College, Shepard Student Center, 126 South St., Middletown, NY 10940
10/2/17	7:30 pm	Area Committee	Church of the Holy Family, 2158 Watson Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472
11/6/17	7:30 pm	Area Committee	Church of the Holy Family, 2158 Watson Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472
11/11/17	8:30 am	Area Assembly	Putnam County: location TBD
12/4/17	7:30 pm	Area Committee	Church of the Holy Family, 2158 Watson Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472
1/13/18	8:30 am	Area Assembly	Staten Island County: location TBD

County General Service Meetings		Please visit www.aaseny.org for the most up-to-date information	
Bronx-Upper Manhattan (2nd Wed, every other month)	Bedford Park Congregational Church, 3008 Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx, NY 10458	10/11/17	7:00 pm
Brooklyn (3d Wednesday, every other month)	St. Francis College, 180 Remsen St., Brooklyn, NY 11201	9/20/17	7:30 pm
Hispanic Districts (3d Sunday, monthly)	Location rotates - please see aaseny.org or aacdhseny49.org each month	9/17/17	9:30 am
Manhattan (3d Tuesday, every other month)	Seafarer's House, 123 East 15th Street, New York, NY 10003	10/17/17	6:30 pm
Nassau (3d Monday, every other month)	Nassau Intergroup Office, 361 Hempstead Tpke, West Hempstead, NY 11552	10/16/17	7:30 pm
Orange (3d Tuesday, monthly; not July or August)	First Presbyterian Church, Campbell Hall, Rte. 207, Campbell Hall, NY 10916	9/19/17	7:00 pm
Putnam (2nd Tuesday, monthly)	Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, 76 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, NY 10512	10/10/17	7:00 pm
Queens (last Monday, every other month)	Saint Mary Gate of Heaven Church, 101-18 104th St., Queens, NY 11416	9/25/17	7:30 pm
Rockland (3d Wednesday, monthly)	Elim Alliance Church, 40 Lake Road, Valley Cottage, NY 10989	6/21/17	7:30 pm
Staten Island (does not meet May, July or August)	Oakwood Heights Community Church, 345 Guyon Ave, Staten Island, NY 10306	10/8/17	7:00 pm
Suffolk (3d Friday, monthly)	True North Church, 1101 Lakeland Avenue, Bohemia, NY 11716	10/20/17	8:00 pm
Sullivan (3d Sunday, monthly; except July & August)	Sullivan County Community College, 112 College Rd., Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759	9/17/17	3:00 pm
Westchester (3d Wednesday, monthly)	Memorial Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Avenue, White Plains, NY10605	9/20/17	7:30 pm

Standing Committee Meetings		Please visit www.aaseny.org for the most up-to-date information	
Accessibility/Special Needs Committee (1st Friday, monthly)	NY Intergroup Office, 307 7th Ave. #201, New York, NY 10001	10/6/17	7:00 pm
Convention Planning Committee	SENY Office, 99 Lincoln Ave., Bronx, NY 10454	9/17/17	11:00 am
Corrections Committee (3d Saturday, monthly)	SENY Office, 99 Lincoln Ave., Bronx, NY 10454	9/17/17	12:00 pm
PI & CPC Joint Committee Meeting (last Tuesday, monthly)	NY Intergroup Office, 307 7th Ave. #201, New York, NY 10001	9/26/17	7:15 pm
Treatment Facilities Committee (last Sunday, monthly)	SENY Office, 99 Lincoln Ave., Bronx, NY 10454	9/24/17	11:30 am
SENY Committee Chairs Meeting	SENY Office, 99 Lincoln Ave., Bronx, NY 10454	10/14/17	12:00 pm

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