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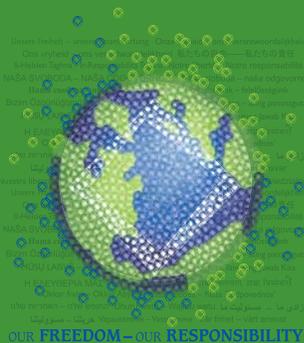
## 2008 2010

BUILDING  
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OUR FREEDOM, OUR  
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Discussion questions for *Building Communication* and *Our Freedom, Our Responsibility* follow. We will post session outlines and handouts on the web for these topics, along with similar material on the third IDT, *Leadership*. Conference participants loved the new material on leadership we introduced at WSC 2008, and they're eager to hold local workshops with this material. Now you can, too.



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# FELLOWSHIP ISSUE DISCUSSIONS

The process of fellowship issue discussions continues to grow and evolve, allowing us to continually strive to work better, both at local levels and as a worldwide organization. Over the previous cycle, we discussed *Building Strong Home Groups*, *Who Is Missing from Our Meetings and Why?*, and *Our Service System*. These discussions have provided us with ideas and input that helped in the creation of tools for the fellowship, including the Building Strong Home Groups worksheet, service pamphlets, and leadership modules. These discussions also had an impact on the projects approved at the 2008 World Service Conference.

The theme for WSC 2008, and for this conference cycle, is **“Our Freedom, Our Responsibility.”** Many of our biggest challenges seem to involve putting what we believe into action at every level. This includes taking the time to have a thorough, honest look at our home groups to see how we can improve, and being willing to step outside of our comfort zone and work extra hard to carry our message to addicts who may think that they don't belong here, because we know they do. This also means that we need to exercise the courage to step up and try new ideas in our service system. As our Basic Text states, “We learn that we are growing when we make new mistakes instead of repeating old ones.”

The Issue Discussion Topics for the 2008-2010 cycle are *Building Communication*, *Our Freedom, Our Responsibility*, and *Leadership* (sound familiar? it should!). These topics all carry forward aspects from our discussions during previous conference cycles. Communication has been one of the important elements of our discussions on *Infrastructure* (2004–2006) and *Our Service System* (2006–2008). The topic of responsibility has come up in response to the common refrain we've heard in discussions throughout the fellowship for years, that our service efforts in many places are hindered by apathy and a lack of participation. Leadership similarly has been a topic of fellowshipwide discussion for several conference cycles now and continues to be a focus of our efforts throughout the service structure.

We all need to begin to recognize our personal ownership and responsibility for the success of NA in carrying our message and achieving our vision. By improving and diversifying our communications at every level, we can broaden awareness in the fellowship about what is happening in the NA service system. And by encouraging greater personal and collective responsibility for that service system, we can begin to develop an atmosphere of leadership among our trusted servants, as well as an increased desire to support the work done on behalf of NA groups worldwide.

As we have done in the past, we will develop session profiles with step-by-step outlines to help members facilitate workshops on these topics. These profiles, information about the Issue Discussion Topics, and topic-oriented online discussion boards will all be available on our website at <http://www.na.org/IDT/IDT.htm>. As we did in 2006–2008, we will use fellowship input from the first half of the conference cycle to refocus these discussions mid-way through this conference cycle, so be sure to check back often and watch *The NA Way Magazine* for updates.