



We get the real rewards of recovery by giving back and giving forward, out of gratitude for what we have been given, and out of hope for what is to come. Being of loving service is living spiritually.

Living Clean: The Journey Continues, A Spiritual Path

YOUR SESSION

The Delegates Sharing Session is an opportunity for Conference participants to build unity by coming together at the World Service Conference to get to know more about each other, our regions and zones, and issues that are important to us. It's a time and place to exchange experiences and ideas.

This session was created by a 2014 WSC proposal and was first held during WSC 2016. With support from the Conference, the session has become an ongoing part of the WSC, and is developed by an international workgroup of Conference participants.

YOUR IDEAS

The Delegates Sharing Workgroup gathered Conference participants' ideas and experiences in surveys during the past two Conference cycles. Those responses help to guide the workgroup in its development of the Delegates Sharing Session.

YOUR EXPERIENCES

Along with valuable input for the session itself, Conference participants shared tips and experiences on things like preparing for CAR workshops and the Conference itself, and on what they wish they had known before their first WSC. So the Delegates Sharing Workgroup collected those ideas here and in two upcoming mailings to share with you before the Conference.

15 Feb: Regional/zonal reports due

Register for WSC by 1 Mar

25 Apr: WSO Open House & Pre-WSC Unity Day

Sun, 26th: WSC starts!

Invest in Our Vision

NA is a spiritual fellowship, but we need human and financial resources to carry out the services delegated by our groups to our service bodies.

IP #24, *Money Matters: Self-Support in NA* reminds us, "Our financial contributions help pay for services on every level: local efforts to carry the message; regional support and services to areas; and world services, which not only assists existing NA communities, but also works to make NA available in other communities. Translation efforts, free or subsidized literature, Fellowship development workshops—all of these services are carried out on behalf of NA as a whole, to make our message available to still-suffering addicts worldwide."

Each of us is responsible for giving to NA. And we are also responsible for cultivating a culture of giving and for helping newer members understand and practice investing in the NA vision by giving back financially, spiritually, and physically. NA is much bigger than our own individual recovery or the needs of our home group, region, or zone—and when we understand this, we know that our service and other contributions make a difference for NA as a whole. We all come from different places, but we are all committed to our primary purpose to carry the NA message. We are living examples of A Vision for NA Service, and together we invest in our vision.

IT'S CONFERENCE SEASON!

One delegate suggested, "Read EVERYTHING. Listen actively and foster unity." As we prepare for the Conference, we receive a lot of information in a short period of time that we need to read, absorb, and process—and then explain to others in regional or zonal workshops. That takes time and concentration, especially for those of us newer in our positions and/or for whom English is a second language. Some delegates schedule time each day or each week just to read WSC material.

"Network: speak to as many people from other zones as you can."

One Conference participant noted, "Some of us don't have the advantage of training with an experienced delegate, so we need to find resources to help us through Conference season and prepare for the WSC." We can seek help from experienced fellow delegates or others who have WSC experience. We can contact World Services and the World Board for information or clarification (worldboard@na.org).

One Conference participant reminded us that there are no dumb questions and another advised, "Network: speak to as many people from other zones as you can."

"Keep the mind and heart open"

As many of us know—or are learning—we have a unique set of responsibilities and expectations and this service provides many growth opportunities, so our personal recovery is an essential tool for making our way through. We learned to take care of ourselves in our personal recovery during this demanding time. Many delegates point to the spiritual nature of service, to "keep the mind and heart open," and to remember the basics: take care of ourselves physically, mentally, and spiritually.

When we are engaged in creative action of the spirit, whether in our personal lives or in our service work, we may be surprised by the solutions that present themselves.

Guiding Principles: The Spirit of Our Traditions, Introduction

Delegates' thoughts on investing in our vision

- My region struggled with how best to apply our resources, so an experienced member from a neighboring region helped us facilitate an inventory, and we found better ways to use our limited resources to better benefit our groups.
- In our rural region, we all have to pull together to focus our resources on growing NA in our communities so that services are provided for the still-suffering addict yet to find us.
- Using the Basic Meeting Locator Tool (BMLT), we're saving thousands of dollars and we have a statewide phoneline and meeting directory that allows an addict anywhere in the state to call a single number and find someone to talk to or get meeting info.