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Greetings, fellow members,

There will be an [open webinar](#) on Saturday, 26 September, on [Safety and Belonging in NA: Gender-Neutral Language](#). By now, many of you are aware that making our language gender-neutral when our literature refers to people has been an issue under discussion. At the World Service Conference, delegates agreed that it would be helpful to post a revision of IP #1 with gender-neutral language so we could all see and discuss what such a change would look like in a piece of literature familiar to us all. You may have seen other emails on the subject or seen our posts on social media about this. Next Saturday we invite you to a conversation about those changes, the history of this conversation, and how your input will direct where we might go from here.

While there will be some very limited time for comments at the end, we invite everyone to send questions **in advance** to wb@na.org. Please send your questions by Thursday, 24 September. This will help to ensure that we cover as many of your questions and concerns as possible in the time available.

If you are unable to make it to the webinar but would still like to learn about the project and share your input, please visit na.org/genderproject.

When we Share

Direct contribution to NA World Services is the most consistent way to fund services that carry the message around the world. As we continue the long process of moving from literature sales and events as our primary source of funding to direct contributions from service bodies, members, and groups who are able, we learn about how to make contributions work around the world. We are now able to accept contributions in cryptocurrency, which opens one more door for communities that want to contribute to World Services but have found the usual doors closed to them. Please reach out to us at contributions@na.org to learn more.

Volunteer Form

If you're interested in getting involved in any of the projects this cycle, we'd love to hear from you! Go to na.org/get-involved or na.org/projects and fill out the Focus Group Volunteer Form there. Then—have patience. We use the Volunteer Form to create focus groups that meet virtually to guide the work for the cycle. There are a whole bunch of projects, especially about local services, and they'll be unfolding over the course of the cycle. So, it might be a while. We try to cast a wide net, but there won't be an opportunity for everyone to join a focus group. Fortunately there are plenty of other opportunities to get involved: please keep coming to webinars and online events, filling out the surveys and input forms on na.org/surveys and sending input to wb@na.org. Your voice matters!

Webinars for PR & H&I

If H&I or PR are where you find yourself called to serve, the [PR and H&I webinars](#) are a great place to connect with other trusted servants. We have PR projects already in motion, and the webinars are the quickest way to see where they're headed. We have an H&I webinar on 26 September and a PR webinar scheduled for 10 October.

We will continue keeping you updated on events and developments as they unfold. If this email was forwarded to you, you can subscribe to keep receiving this information at na.org/subscribe.

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