

70th Conference Call In Schedule

Some of you may have heard by now that the 70th General Service Conference will not be held live, onsite in Rye Brook, NY this year due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Trustees and Board of Directors have elected to hold the Conference in a "Virtual" manner on a Digital Platform. Please help me welcome AA to the 21st Century. I am thrilled to help pioneer this first ever Virtual Conference.

The first General Service Conference theme was

"1951: Genuine Faith – It Begins as an Experiment and Ends as an Experience."

We are about ready to repeat history, 70 years later! And we will enter into this venture with a Genuine Faith.

"A Virtual Conference" is an intriguing prospect and a situation filled with the potential for spiritual growth. We will face many "Remote Community" challenges. While we will no longer be meeting in person, technology has advanced sufficiently for us to still meet face to face. I am reminded that in the beginning of AA they wondered if the language of the heart could even be put into print with a book. They found that it could. When A.A. spread overseas, the next barrier that was broken was translation. They found that our solution could be translated into any language. Today we are faced with a new barrier, can our spiritual process be transmitted through technology. I know in my heart that it can and look forward to serving the program of Alcoholics Anonymous as a pioneer as we push the frontiers of spiritual freedom. As we take this unprecedented leap into the digital world, I have complete confidence that not only will this Conference be successful, but that many aspects of our new venture will provide benefits for our Area 46 which is filled with Remote Community aspects. I feel fully prepared to carry the Conscience of Area 46 into all deliberations on the matters at hand for the betterment of our Fellowship as a whole. I am infinitely Blessed and forever Grateful that I will be a part of such a historic event in the history of our Fellowship. I will keep with me a Genuine Faith in a loving Higher Power, a full and grateful heart, an open mind, and my past years of experience, strength, hope and service and utilize it all to serve you and Alcoholics Anonymous.

Our March Assembly will be postponed until May. I invite each of you to participate in our Delegate's Conference Call Series. I have scheduled a series of call in conference calls so that all of you have the opportunity to pass along any feelings and input which you may have on any of our Conference Agenda Items. We will venture together into the digital world as part of our preparation for the virtual Conference.

The primary exchange of information will be Audio Only, however, I will be hosting the meeting online. If you would like to join the meeting online, I may or may not have information to share on screen. The online portion will be optional and not required. Dial in for audio only will be sufficient.

I am going to offer five 1-hour sessions for open discussion.

The Schedule is as Follows:

General Service Conference Agenda Item Discussions with the Delegate

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Sunday March 22, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Monday March 23, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Saturday March 28, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Wednesday April 1, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Friday April 3, 12:00 PM (noon) – 1:00 PM

Dial-in number (US): (425) 436-6362

Access code: 857593#

Online meeting ID: area46delegate

Join the online meeting: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/area46delegate>

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