

While the General Service Conference operates all year round, the annual meeting, held in New York City, usually in April, is the culmination of the year's activities, the time when the collective group conscience of U.S./Canada A.A. comes together to take actions that will guide the groups in the years to come. (S54)

So far it has been a tremendous experience; time has been going so fast that I can't believe that it is almost time for me to go to the Conference, I would like to thank you all for your participation preparing me, with every phone call, email, questions on where we find the answer together, and this does not include the Pre-Conference Assembly yet, you guys can really make me feel how much you care for our fellowship and the importance to carry the message of your group conscience to the Conference.

I'm looking forward to the Pre-Conference Assembly; I can't wait to hear you all specially the new GSRs coming to the microphone. To tell you the truth I am nervous, excited and overwhelmed, but none of these emotions will ever stop the feeling of Gratitude that we have for the program that saved our lives and returned us to serve back to our society, As Dr. Bob said, ***"I spend a great deal of time passing on what I learned to others who want and need it badly. I do it for four reasons: 1. Sense of duty. 2. It is a pleasure. 3. Because in so doing I am paying my debt to the man who took time to pass it on to me. 4. Because every time I do it I take out a little more insurance for myself against a possible slip."***

I am taking 3 weeks vacation to be better prepared for The Conference and be well rested for the city that never sleeps, also this month my alternate will be giving my ACM report which is another duty besides praying for the Delegate LOL

The "Right of Participation" is therefore a corrective of ultimate authority because it mitigates its harshness or misuse. It also encourages us who serve A.A. to accept the necessary disciplines that our several tasks require. We can do this when we are sure that we belong, when the fact of our "participation" assures us that we are truly that "trusted servants" describe in A.A.'s Tradition Two. (***Concept 4 p.19***)

With Spirit of Love in Service
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