

Our Small “t” Traditions

One of the things I adore about our Area is how no two districts are the same. Each had its own culture, emphasis, feel, and look! It’s a welcome reminder to me that there’s no ‘right way’ to do it and no wrong way either.

Nothing goes away in the spiritual world and I believe this is one of the reasons our topics and issues seem endless and eternal – exactly as they should be. No panel has yet found the silver bullet for self-support, safety, our even our basic text and, to be honest, I hope they never do, as those to follow will be denied their sense-making and mystery.

Mystery?

Well, yes. Mystery for me is not the unknowable—that would be ignorance, blissful or otherwise—but the endlessly knowable.

Speaking of which...

As I crisscross our Area to report what I saw, felt, and heard at the 69th General Service Conference it is a comfort to me to be reminded that our Service Manual states, “No delegate could possibly report everything that took place...” Thankfully, there are many ways for you discover more.

The Interim Report I already distributed. The digital version of the Final Conference Report—all 129 pages of it—is now also available. I have sent this to your districts. The printed copies of the report will be available at the August Area Committee Meeting. Your districts have already ordered their quantities. Come prepared to take those home with you and enjoy reading, especially about all the bits that were not included in my report.

While the photographs in the report are all anonymity-protected I wonder if you can spot me? A prize to the first person to approach me at the ACM with the correct answer!

Of course, our method of reporting differs from other areas, another example of our small “t” traditions. So far, I haven’t heard of an area where the delegate does quite so many, but I’m cool with that and thank all the districts for your hospitality and warmth and for those yet to come, I’m itching to visit!