

Greetings from your Alternate Delegate

Thank you to all that participated in the Pre-Conference Assembly. Especially the ones that were able to go to the microphone and experience that spiritual connection that starts with your group conscience, through you, to our Delegate. In turn he carried your consciences in his heart to the General Service Conference in New York. Barbara and I took copious notes of each group conscience during the Assembly. After reviewing the notes I was reminded of the wonderful opportunity I enjoy as your Alternate Delegate. To sit and listen with an open mind. With no judgement what so ever was a wonderful experience. Each of you were well prepared and most of you appeared to have left the the microphone with a smile. Through all your efforts and dedication Raymundo was very well informed for his journey to New York.

By the time of this printing the Post-Conference Assembly has come and gone. I am sure Raymundo's Conference report was informative, emotional and spiritual in nature. I hope each of you were inspired and heard something you can take back to your groups. The Final Conference report will be publish later this summer and will give all the details of what happen at the the General Service Conference. Hope to see all of you at the Area Committee meeting on Saturday May 23th.

This best describes what I observed at our Pre-Conference Assembly.

“ We have people of nearly every Race, Culture and Religion in AA. we are bound together in the kinship of a common suffering. Consequently, the full individual liberty to practice any creed or principle or therapy what ever. Should be a first consideration for us all. Let us not, therefore, pressure anyone with our individual or even our collective views. Let us instead accord each other the respect and love that is due to every human being as he tries to make his way to the light. Let us always try to be inclusive rather than exclusive: Let us remember that each alcoholic among us is a member of AA, so long as he or she declares.” (LTH pg. 333)

From Concept V: The “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard. I am sure you experienced this spiritual principle at the Assembly. You may of found your own voice in giving your minority opinion, as many of us have.

Love In Service,
Phil B., Panel 65 Alternate Delegate