DELEGATE'S CORNER April 2016

Hello Fellowship,

As I write my Delegate's Corner, I realized how fortunate I am to have you in my life, I attended a meeting the other night, and I was asked to share and as I was sharing one of my fellow members came to my mind, him, myself and with a few more members started a new meeting back in January 1992, but unfortunately he went out, about 6 years later he came back asking for help, but he had suffered a very severe brain damage that even though he wanted to stay sober he ended up going out again and later died from these deadly disease of Alcoholism, this experience allowed me to see how fortunate I am, because this could have been me. I heard one of our Area officers said long time ago that the average is out of ten newcomers, one stays and 9 will go, on the other hand out of 10 members serving, 9 will stay and one will go and it proves me that service was the key for me to stay sober.

At the 1955 International Convention, the General Service Conference was designated as the actual voice and the effective conscience of our whole society. This was done over the objections of those who worried that such a gathering would result in politics, confusion, expense and fruitless strife. Our founders have faith that future generations of A.A. members could effectively take responsibility for maintaining our vital world services.

Every Delegate, Trustee, Director and Staff member who serves as a voting member of the General Service Conference is a direct, personal beneficiary of that faith.

I feel very excited for the participation of all our members in California Northern Coastal Area 06 I feel that we are all experiencing our spiritual way of life in all our affairs, because we all have a life to live outside from our fellowship but in spite of all that we have embraced our responsibility to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. I want to thank you all for your participation in your commitment for taking the time to get your group conscience and specially to attend our main event *The Pre-Conference Assembly*, where you would allow me to prepare and be well informed for the 66<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference and make sure that I truly participate in A.A as a whole. I'd like to share a paragraph that I received on my Delegate Communications kit.

## On Trust - The Spirit of the General Service Conference

"So, since 1951 we have been holding these yearly Conferences, to see whether this movement was interested enough, was responsible enough, felt those services were worthwhile enough, to maintain so long as God will need this society. And I think it's the conclusion of every delegate who has been there that yes, we should talk these things over. So, in 1955 we propose to hold an International Convention, at which time, on behalf of the oldtimers, and of Smithy and me, we shall say to you, here is the remainder of your Third Legacy. This Conference shall become our successor. To you we hand the torch. Carry on. Face your destiny with surety and courage, and God love you."

- Bill W., speaking at the 1954 Texas State Convention

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