

Delegate's Corner

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As of this writing, I have already done 4 of my Delegates Reports including the Post Conference Assembly. My first one seemed very short. But the talks seem to be growing in length as I remember more and more of this fabulous experience. I keep asking myself what is the most important thing to relate to the fellowship? I keep coming back to the same thing. All of this helps us carry the message of recovery to the alcoholic who stills suffers. It is always about our primary purpose. But my challenge is how to make the connection between home group and conference to the fellowship and tie it in to carrying the message?

General Service came into being to help do those things that a home group could not do by itself. On page S18 of our service manual, it states exactly what these services are: publication of uniform literature, public information resources, helping new groups get started, publishing an international magazine, and carrying the message in other languages into other countries. Can you imagine trying to carry our message if there were not a big book or literature to refer back to? How would anyone find us if there were not a public relations format on our website (or a phone number to call and people who would answer) that told professionals who we were, what we did and did not do, and how to get ahold of us? Our message reaches those in prisons and institutions by means of our magazine and our volunteer work. But most of all, our message has been translated into 69 languages with 15 pending, and it is spread world-wide. It works in other languages.

All of this is how we carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the still suffering alcoholics. But by doing what we do in General Service, we ourselves get to stay sober another day and grow in this spiritual awakening. I am hoping to help others to connect the dots. Maybe that's why my report keeps getting bigger and bigger. There is so much to say.

With deep gratitude,

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