

Delegate's Corner
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Hi, everyone! Jennifer here. It's a small-t tradition for the Alternate Delegate to write this article while our Delegate is either away at the General Service Conference or busy working on the report about the experience. I have spoken with Teddy and I know you are in for a treat as he tells the tale of what he saw, heard and felt during the week-long experience in New York.

Each Delegate has a different story to tell, in part because the topics on the agenda are different each year and also because each Delegate has their own perspective. And there is something so magical about this first report. I encourage you to bring friends or sponsees to the assembly or invite them to attend the report in your home districts when Teddy comes to tell the story again. And don't be afraid to ask questions if you don't understand something. We will also get digital and printed Final Conference Report books later in the year detailing everything that happened. You can share those books with others, but it's not quite the same as hearing the first-hand experience.

My very first Post-Conference Assembly was ten years ago, in 2009, and while I didn't fully understand all of the report, I remember how it made me feel. It was an incredibly spiritual experience hearing my first Delegate describe what happened with an agenda topic that I felt strongly about. And even though it didn't turn out the way I thought it should, knowing how thoroughly it was debated and that it mattered to him and those strangers in New York filled me with a profound sense of gratitude and ignited a passion for participation in service that continues to this day.

Part of the challenge in General Service is making the connection between what happens at the General Service Conference and how it helps the alcoholic stumbling alone in the darkness, or still suffering inside the rooms. Teddy will do a wonderful job of connecting some of those dots I'm sure. And I encourage each of you as you listen to the story of the work that was done and the love behind it, to find a way to make that connection and share that with your groups.

Thank you for your service,

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