

DCM SHARING SESSION AUGUST 28, 2021

District Committee Member Sharing Session – August 28, 2021

11:08am Meeting Opened with the Serenity Prayer by Drew B.

Translation by Manuel G.

43 DCMs, GSRs and visitors attended. Drew B facilitated.

Presentation: Vivian K. of District 07 Alameda North Topic Presentation – The Return - Supporting Groups in the Return and Connecting GSO Registration, Intergroups.

The Presenter shared about what strategies are necessary for large metropolitan areas. The following was shared: There are some umbrella groups that host 40-80 meetings and wonders with concern about how to have good communication with those meetings.

A question for consideration is that without good communication, will we lose our General Service knowledge? The use of *The A.A. Service Manual* stimulates interest amongst members and their recovery in taking advantage of the opportunities to share informative material to meetings and Groups. **What is the difference between a meeting and a Group?** It has been acknowledged that many new meetings are formed quickly without much planning, and that there is an obligation to share how the Fellowship functions in keeping A.A. together. No Group is alone. Inviting trusted servants familiar with the Second and Third Legacy establishes trust and friendship. **How could we encourage support to the Groups?** It is suggested to post events on Districts' and Intergroups' websites, encourage District Committee Members and General Service Representatives to attend Inter-group meetings and District Meetings. Note that some are open meetings, and some are closed meetings.

Some suggestions: Request that central offices periodically update newly formed meetings so they can be supported.

Is your group linked to AA as a whole?

Registering with your local Intergroup assures a two-way communication with Intergroup and the Groups. Attending business meetings just to get to know them lets them know there is support. Being in such an unprecedented time, some members may feel out of sorts or even lacking organization. A healthy Group is to be able to work things out for the welfare of the whole group. As trusted servants, consider the opportunities to share what General Service has done not only for A.A. as a whole but also what it has done for your personal recovery. Being a good example and doing the service in Carrying the Message with enthusiasm and not hoping for any results. With some of the right service tools, Groups usually find solutions. In sharing personal tools, one can be awarded with many friends in A.A.

Striving to have a healthy Group life is good business. Engaging throughout the pandemic what meetings/Groups looks like in your Areas.

The Sharing Session was engaging with members sharing their experience and dissertation amongst their Groups' discussion around the topic of supporting Groups while they are transitioning to returning to in person settings and in- forming them how to register with both the General Service Office and their local Intergroup Office. For a full transcript of the DCM Sharing Session, attend the next DCM Sharing Session on September 25, 2021, 11:00 AM (PDT) to be included in the email list.

Next Month's Topic: Group Inventory at the Group Level

– Presented by Kathleen G. District 04

Respectfully Submitted, Chase C.