

What fun it has been to come to your districts these past five months — either in person or virtually — to share what I saw, heard and felt at the 71st General Service Conference! This year was historic in many ways, and I am forever grateful for your participation in A.A. in a time of change. Thanks also for inviting people who don't typically attend your district meetings to hear the report. There was a lot to share of interest to the entire Fellowship and I appreciated all the opportunities to do so.

I'm also incredibly grateful for the enthusiastic network of helpers who assisted with the distribution of the printed copies of the Final Conference Report (and bookmarks) throughout the Area. Being able to see some people in person that I haven't seen in 18 months has been such a joy. I sure do look forward to when we can all assemble together again.

I remember how excited I used to get when the books would finally arrive each year. And frankly, this year was no exception— even though I attended this year's Conference. The pictures are easier to see in the color digital PDF we received in advance, and that one you can screen share, or search words, or copy and paste sections. But there is still something very satisfying to me about holding that paper copy.

Some of my favorite things to point out:

Literature Distributed starting on page 109. Look at all those Big Books! See how our newer pamphlets are selling. And cassette tapes for the handful of people who still want them! We carry the message in so many ways.

- Contributions by area (pp.122-23), which is also where you can find that estimated cost per member of \$7.34.
- Area Highlights in an odd-numbered year includes us on page 77!
- What would we do if we were ten times bolder? See page 73 for the workshop notes.
- If you somehow missed what happened with Agenda Topics until now, see pages 58-72.
- Board member bios and lists of Conference committees are in the back of the book.
- The first thing I always do is flip through and look at all the pictures. And this year I can recognize more of my fellow members. Maybe you'll recognize some parts of the story from the pictures you see. Let's be awesome!

And there is no shortage of information or inspiration to share with your groups in all the presentations and reports. Take your time. Share tidbits for the rest of the year. Help make the connection between what happens in New York and how it helps the drunk on the corner, still stumbling in the darkness once short block from all of our meeting rooms.

In love with service,
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