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AREA SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

The 1993 World Service Conference Report is now available. The report is a comprehensive overview of the conference's activities, and I'd be happy to make copies for anyone interested in having a set.

Perhaps the most important result of the conference was the passing of motion #1, which called on the World Service Conference (WSC) to "engage in an inventory process, taking on no new projects during 1993-1994."

The report lists the key elements of the inventory process: "Elements of the inventory project schedule would be redistributed over its two years. The first year would be devoted to background research, surveys, and internal inventory taking; the second, to fellowship forums, analysis, and recommendations for change. During the inventory period, only basic services would be maintained by world services, leaving free as much staff time, budget money, and board and committee agenda room as possible for the inventory."

This inventory process at the world level inspired the reading of the 12 concepts at our Area Service Committee meetings. We can take this local inventory further...

MOTION: That the GSR's give the ASR a vote of confidence to hold a workshop on group inventories. The workshop will be held by the end of November at the YWCA in Coatesville. It will last 2-3 hours, and include discussions on the Fifth Tradition, "The Group" pamphlet, and group inventory strategies and questions provided by the World Service Office. By the next Area Service Committee meeting, the ASC will be presented with requests for rent and refreshments money. A Seventh Tradition collection will be taken at the workshop.

INTENT: Primarily, to improve the carrying of the message to the addict who still suffers. Secondly, to assist trusted servants and home group members interested in the spiritual rewards of improved service to the Fellowship.

Those groups that choose to do a group inventory will be better prepared to help with other upcoming inventory activity at the Area and World level. Part of the World Service Committee's inventory will involve soliciting responses from groups on the quality of WSC service. Furthermore, after the group inventory workshop, I will present a motion for a special session of the ASC, for the purpose of inventorying the quality of our services and our success at carrying the message. Groups that have taken their own inventory will be better prepared to participate in these inventories of other service levels.

More on World Service: The World Service Office (WSO) publishes "The Conference Digest", which is "A bi-monthly summary of the activities of NA's world service boards and committees."

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From the WSO "Annual Report", the 1992 financial summary: "In 1992, your World Service Office posted a net gain for the first time in three years. This allowed us to double our floor stocks of NA books, pamphlets, keytags, and medallions; those increased floor stocks made it possible for us to fill your orders much more quickly. We were also able to make major cuts in what we owe those with whom we do business, bringing all vendor accounts current."

Besides more financial details, the "Annual Report" has information on the search for a new location for the WSO, the new organizational structure in the WSO, and information on Canada's and Europe's WSOs. See me for copies.

From the Region: The meeting list committee is seeking support. Call me if you want to get involved.

Motion: To delete all codes [in meeting list] except open or closed, non-smoking, wheel chair accessible and bi-lingual.
Intent: To be more cost effective.