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WELCOME TO WCNA-17

Thank you very much for joining us and being a part of our celebration of recovery at the seventeenth World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous.

While participating in our convention as a speaker or chairperson, we ask that you:

Please keep obscenities to a minimum.

Please stay within the time frame provided.

Please identify yourself as an addict only and use N.A. language of recovery.

In keeping with the steps and traditions of N.A., we ask that you use the N.A. language of recovery in all that you say at this meeting. That is we refer to our disease as simply "addiction". We identify as simply an "addict". We refer to our time in the program as "clean time" or "recovery". This is not done to be different or better than or controversial. This is done because in our first step we have shifted the focus off the specific drug or drugs involved and onto the recovery process, leaving us with the single focus necessary for unity. Any labels which imply specific drugs or imply more than one disease, dilute that focus and some of the unity called for in the 1st Tradition is lost.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THESE SIMPLE BUT IMPORTANT MATTERS