

The Area 8 Agenda Committee Requests input on

## **Theme Suggestions for the 2009 General Service Conference**

Every year our Area submits a suggestion for the overall theme of an upcoming *General Service Conference* in New York. We also submit *Presentation/Discussion Topics* and *Workshop Topics* that support that overall theme. The *Area Guidelines* assign this responsibility to the *Agenda Committee*, but we would like your input!

In the past, we have broken into several roundtables at the *September Area Assembly*. Each roundtable would arrive at a suggested overall theme, three *Presentation / Discussion topics*, and three *Workshop Topics*. This year we are doing something different due to our very full assembly agenda. We are asking the *DCMs* to take this form back to their districts to hand out to their *GSRs*. The *GSRs* will take them back to their groups to solicit ideas and return them back to their *DCMs* at the *September monthly District meeting*. The *DCMs* will bring them to the *October Area Committee meeting* to give to the *Agenda Chairperson*. The *Agenda Committee* will take the inputs for the *2009 General Service Conference* and arrive at one overall Theme and a set of *Presentation / Discussion topics* that represent our Area's ideas and submit them to the *General Service Office* in December.

**Please bring your ideas to your September 2007 District monthly meeting!**

Themes from other *General Service Conferences* are on the reverse.

Suggested Overall Conference Theme: \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation/Discussion Topics:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop Topics:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## Themes from Other General Service Conferences

- 1951 Not To Govern - But to Serve
- 1952 It's a Question of Lives That May Be Lost if AA Does Not Survive
- 1953 The Milestones Ahead
- 1954 The Lost Commandment, The Dictionary and AA
- 1955 The Paradoxes of AA
- 1956 Petition, Appeal, Participation and Decision
- 1957 The Need for Authority Equal to Responsibility
- 1958 Promise and Progress were the Keynotes
- 1959 Confidence, Absence of Fear of Future were the main themes
- 1960 Need for Improved Internal and External Communications was the dominant theme
- 1961 Determination to Work and Grow Together, and With Others
- 1962 Our Primary Purpose and Deep Devotion to the Concept of Unity
- 1963 Emphasis was on Function rather than Structure
- 1964 Practice These Principles
- 1965 Responsibility to Those We Serve
- 1966 Principles and Responsibility (This was the 1st Conference to have a "theme")
- 1967 Sponsorship - The Hand of AA
- 1968 Unity Vital to AA Survival, Growth
- 1969 Group Conscience Guides AA
- 1970 Service - The Heart of AA
- 1971 Communication: Key to AA Growth
- 1972 Our Primary Purpose
- 1973 Responsibility - Our Expression of Gratitude
- 1974 Understanding and Cooperation - Inside and Outside AA
- 1975 Unity Through Love and Service
- 1976 Sponsorship - Our Privilege and Responsibility
- 1977 The AA Group - Where it Begins
- 1978 The Member and the Group - Recovery Through Service
- 1979 The Legacies: Our Heritage and Responsibility
- 1980 Participation: The Key to Recovery
- 1981 AA Takes Its Inventory
- 1982 The Traditions - Our Way of Unity
- 1983 Anonymity - Our Spiritual Foundation
- 1984 Gratitude - The Language of the Heart
- 1985 Golden Moments of Reflection
- 1986 AA's Future - Our Responsibility
- 1987 The Seventh Tradition - A Turning Point
- 1988 Singleness of Purpose - Key to Unity
- 1989 Anonymity - Living Our Traditions
- 1990 The Home Group - Our Responsibility and Link to AA's Future
- 1991 Sponsorship: Gratitude in Action
- 1992 The AA Message in a Changing World
- 1993 AA Takes Its Inventory - The General Service Conference Structure
- 1994 Spirit of Sacrifice
- 1995 Pass It On - Our Three Legacies
- 1996 Preserving Our Fellowship - Our Challenge
- 1997 Spirituality - Our Foundation
- 1998 Our Twelfth Step Work
- 1999 Moving Forward: Unity Through Humility
- 2000 Trusting Our Future to AA Principles
- 2001 Love and Service
- 2002 Sharing the Steps, Traditions and Concepts
- 2003 Living AA's Principles Through Sponsorship
- 2004 Our Singleness of Purpose - the Cornerstone of AA
- 2005 Basics of Our Home Group – Recovery, Unity and Service
- 2006 Sponsorship, Service and Self-Support in a Changing World
- 2007 Our 12th Step Responsibility - Are We Going to Any Length?
- 2008 Communication and Participation-The Key to Unity and Self-Support