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A TENTH STEP FROM THE TRUSTEES' LITERATURE COMMITTEE

We appreciate and thank all who took the time to discuss the “proposed” questions and provided sharing. However, we realize that for the vast majority, our correspondence was unclear as to its intent and that caused confusion. We apologize for this confusion.

The November 13, 2023, correspondence enclosing “proposed” questions was not intended to be a “survey.” Instead, we hoped the questions would spark discussions at the local level. And that the local sharing would be provided to the Area Delegates.

However, in a subsequent meeting with the delegates, it was stated that the sharing could be forwarded to the General Service Office. As a result, many in the Fellowship sent us individual letters relating their viewpoints on the matter.

We realize now that this invitation confused matters and inadvertently circumvented the Conference process wherein the Area Delegates bring to the Conference the sense of their respective Areas.

We have gathered the sharing received and will provide this sharing to the regional trustees who will in turn distribute to the Delegates in their Region. You may be interested to know that there is a sharing session planned for this year’s General Service Conference on this very topic – “How Should We Treat Writings by A.A.’s Founders.” To be clear, this is just a sharing session – not a voting or policy making discussion.

While we admittedly missed the mark with the November 13 correspondence, one silver lining is that members are discussing this important subject. We hope you continue to discuss in your local areas and connect with your Area Delegate. For more information about the Conference process and how we work together “to help the alcoholic who still suffers,” you may want to access the pamphlet “Circles of Love and Service” <https://www.aa.org/circles-love-and-service>.

With gratitude for your service and participation.

The Trustees’ Literature Committee (2023-2024)