

# 2022 GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS!

- Language on safety and A.A. will be added to the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” and to the *Living Sober* booklet.
- A video animation (currently published by the General Service Board of A.A. Great Britain) of the pamphlet “The Twelve Concepts Illustrated” will be adapted and produced by the Publishing Department (for the U.S./Canada structure)—with a draft or progress report to be brought back to next year’s Conference.
- An updated version of the pamphlet “Young People and A.A.” was approved.
- The pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity” will have language added to it stating: “It is suggested that when A.A.s gather as A.A.s or as an A.A. group on social media pages and other similar platforms that these pages are set to ‘private’ rather than ‘public.’” The pamphlet will also have language added about virtual A.A. meetings.
- The triennial A.A. membership survey, which has not been produced since 2014, will be implemented again in 2022.
- Edits were approved for the following pamphlets: “This is A.A.,” “Frequently Asked Questions About A.A.,” “Is A.A. for You?,” and “Is There an Alcoholic in Your Life?”
- General Service Conference background material will be made available to Conference members simultaneously in English, French and Spanish.
- The Trustees’ Literature Committee will revise the pamphlet “Do You Think You’re Different?” to update the stories to represent greater diversity, with either a draft pamphlet or progress report to be reviewed in 2023.
- Last year’s General Service Conference (in 2021) recommended development of a 5th Edition of the English Big Book. No changes will be made to the first 164 pages, “The Doctor’s Opinion,” or “Dr. Bob’s Nightmare.” Development of the 5th Edition is underway! This is a multi-year process. [Call for stories!](#) Submission deadline is October 31, 2022. Email [5BBStory@aa.org](mailto:5BBStory@aa.org)
- The development of a 4th Edition of the Spanish Big Book is also underway! [Call for stories!](#) Submission deadline is December 15, 2022. Email [4LGHistorias@aa.org](mailto:4LGHistorias@aa.org)
- An update to the pamphlet “A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic” is underway! [Call for stories!](#) Submission deadline is October 31, 2022. Email [pamphletstories@aa.org](mailto:pamphletstories@aa.org)
- The theme for the 2023 General Service Conference: “A.A.’s Three Legacies—Our Common Solution.”
- Last year’s General Service Conference (2021) recommended to create a draft translation of the English Big Book into plain and simple language. This project continues, with a draft or progress report to be reviewed in 2023.
- Last year’s General Service Conference (in 2021) recommended that online groups be able to [register with the General Service Office](#), being listed in their preferred geographic District and Area (with the default location being that of the group’s primary contact). Last year’s Conference (in 2021) also recommended that the General Service Board form an Ad Hoc Committee to explore future possibilities for virtual groups to participate. This Ad Hoc Committee has begun its work. In the one year since April of 2021, more than 700 virtual groups have since registered with the General Service Office (as of April 2022). The General Service Board Ad Hoc Committee will continue to explore various possibilities of inclusion and looks forward to more feedback from the membership.
- [2025 International Convention](#) (Vancouver, BC – July 3-6, 2025) Theme: “90 Years—Language of the Heart.”

Your Area 06 Delegate reported on many other aspects of the 72nd General Service Conference. Full results and financial highlights are available at our Area website: [www.cnca06.org/72gscresults/](http://www.cnca06.org/72gscresults/) Contact your DCMC for the password. Questions? Contact your delegate Jennifer B.: [delegate.p71@cnca06.org](mailto:delegate.p71@cnca06.org)