

NORTH CAROLINA / BERMUDA AFG, INC.

Delegate Report AWSC Meeting, March 7, 2017

Please share with groups

I am still so invigorated to be serving as your World Service Delegate. And I am honored to be among you trusted servants on the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) who bring so much to this panel and to your positions. Thank you for all that you do for Al-Anon Family Groups and for our Area!

“Prayer For Today”— Update

To date, I have gathered experience, strength and hope from, or had listening sessions at, our AWSC meeting, district meetings, groups, members and Assembly regarding whether or not to keep the “Prayer For Today” in our Conference Approved Literature (CAL). The consensus so far has been a majority of members preferring the prayer to remain in our literature. Many have proposed that it be modified to make it more broadly spiritual. As explained previously, there will be further discussion at the World Service Conference in April, but this idea is not planned or expected to go to a vote.

57th World Service Conference Theme: Our Members: Our Hope for the Future April 24-28, 2017

As in years past, members are being encouraged to consider a monetary contribution “Love Gift” to our World Service Office (WSO) that I will be placing in the 7th Tradition basket at Conference from the NC/Bermuda Area. If you would like to participate, please make all checks payable to **AFG, Inc.** and mail to the address below no later than April 15th.

While at Conference it would be wonderful to hear from districts, groups, and members. Paula B will also be at Conference serving on the Executive Committee and I’m sure she would love to hear from you as well. Please share the following information with group members as to how to contact us.

Conference Address	Return Address
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Please be sure to put *Paula’s address as the return address on the envelope for both of us* in case they do not get delivered to the hotel in time.

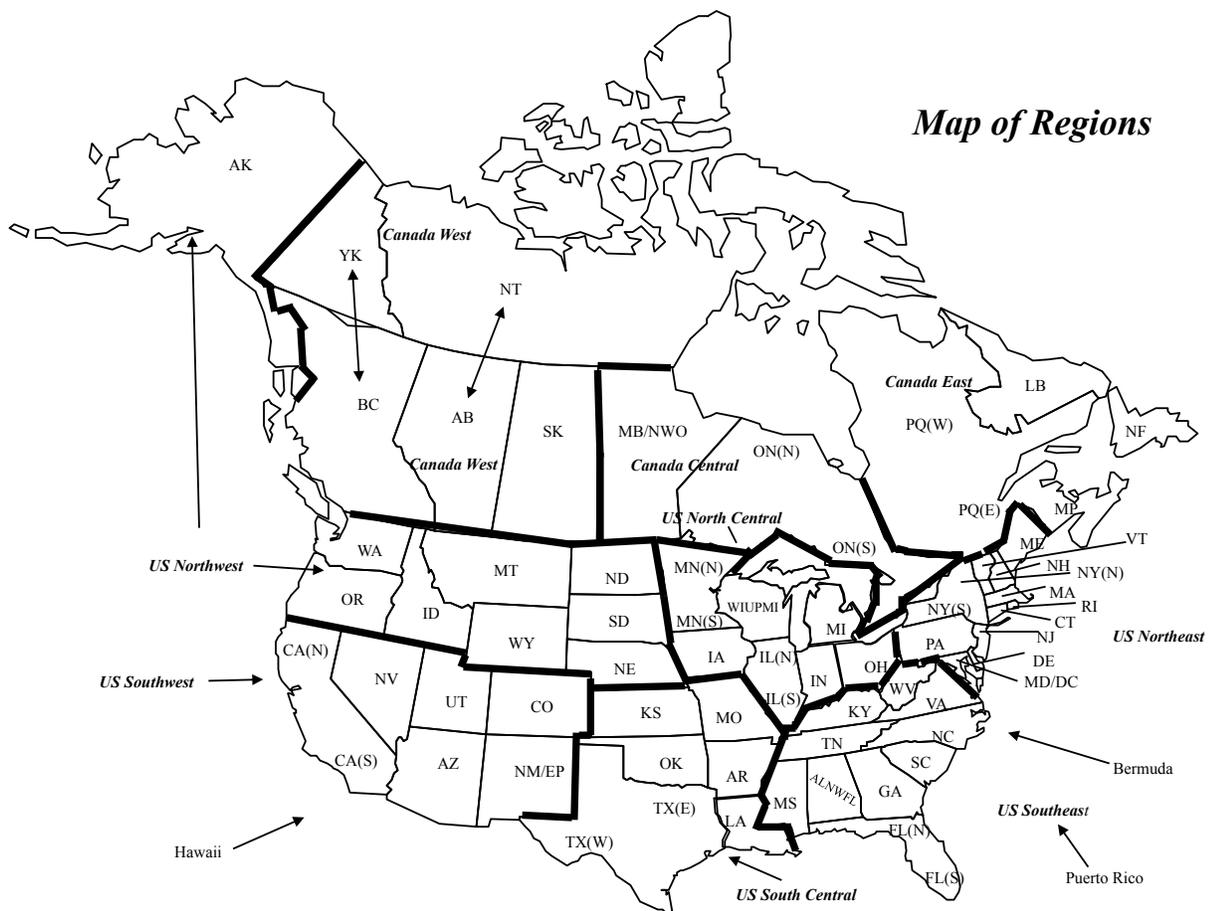
Road Trip! You and Your Board Connect

Our area was not drawn out of the hat to host Board Week in 2017. Colorado was drawn, so the event will be held in Aurora, Colorado on Saturday, October 21, 2017. A big Thank You to District 6 for preparing for a bid. Thank You for Your Service to our Area and to AFG as a Whole!

Southeastern Regional Delegates Get Together (SERDGT)—March 17-19, 2017

The SERDGT will be in Lebanon, TN again this year. Thank you for sending me. It is helpful to meet with and fellowship with the Delegates from the 12 areas in our region prior to Conference. In part, it makes the room (of 109 Conference members) smaller in April, so that I am better able to carry my voice forward at Conference.

I am pasting a Map of Regions of our service structure below for your interest. You will see the **69 Areas** of our service structure, broken out by the **9 Regions**. We, of course, are in the Southeastern Region.



Information about Delegates & Conference

On AFG Connects, a staff member at WSO Suzanne M, Associate Director—Conference, recently posted a clarification for Delegates. I am sharing it below, as it might be helpful information for members in our area to further understand the Delegate role:

As a Delegate and a member of the WSC, you are now focused on AI-Anon as a whole rather than just your Area. You bring your Area's voice to the discussion in a general way. When the Conference was developed, the World Service Office stopped polling groups on

issues and trusted in the knowledge and interactivity of the Delegates to form a group conscience—the largest in our Structure.

Certainly, groups need to know what topics will be discussed at the WSC, but the details of those discussions are in the realm of the WSC members who together have a wide perspective. Policy, for example, can't be reviewed and modified by the groups (that would {logistically} be a nightmare), but the Delegates are aware of the issues in their Areas and bring them forward during their review and, of course, the review of Policy nearly always starts with a request from a member. The suggested Policy changes have generally been under study by the Policy Committee (the second largest Group Conscience in our Structure), for one or more years.

Many times, you will be asked to take topics to your Area for discussion and to bring back what you have learned to WSC.

I hope that this information and perspective is helpful for members in our Area. I know I am learning more everyday and am so thrilled to get to grow in AI-Anon through service.

Final Note

I hope you are enjoying your service to AFG and that you are having fun along the way. Without everyone's contributions of time and effort, we absolutely could not be as strong and resilient for the future. As we continue to move forward with strong participation and our spiritual principles at the forefront, I am quite hopeful for us in NC/Bermuda AFG!

2017 World Service Conference Theme

“Our Members: Our Hope for the Future”

Lots of love in AI-Anon service,

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