



## South Florida Area 15

### 2019 General Service Committee 2020

#### Panel 69

South Florida, Bahamas, U.S. Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands, Antigua, St. Maarten & Cayman Islands

Good day Area 15 members,

It is at times like we are experiencing today that we must be mindful of the needs of others. In stating this know that is my highest priority to keep the safety and well being of our membership and fellowship.

On March 12<sup>th</sup> the General Service Board was unanimous in its decision to conduct the meeting of the 70th General Service Conference, scheduled at the Hilton Westchester in Rye Brook, New York (Westchester County) April 19-25, 2020 **under a modified schedule during the week of April 19-25, 2020 via remote meeting technology**, to include Conference committee meetings and reports, board reports, possibly some additional presentations, and debate and voting on Conference committee recommendations.

As your delegate my mission is to receive your sense of the General Conference Agenda Items. In addition, obtain the group conscience on Conference agenda items; and then to attend the General Service Conference in April, well prepared. I am working with a team of fellow members to utilize one of these methods to prepare for Conference: Zoom, Skype and Go-to-Meeting. This will enable the feedback of those wishing to share their thoughts on the Conference Agenda Items...

I need the thoughts and feedback from our Area/District/Groups Committee Chairs & Officers, DCM/ADCM's, GSR/AGSR's and all others... electronically: via email, online (IM), text, phone communication. I am ready to work with all of you to prepare me for our very first Virtual 70<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference. I will be sending out to the entire email membership the details within the next two weeks for those who wish to provide this information electronically. Please note this will be in conjunction with the Assembly and or if you do not attend the event due to your safety concerns.

#### **G.S.O. management recommendation**

G.S.O. management recommends that the onsite meeting of the 70th General Service Conference, scheduled at the Hilton Westchester in Rye Brook, New York (Westchester County) April 19-25, 2020, be canceled. Notice of this cancellation will be communicated to all Conference members as soon as possible.

G.S.O. management recommends that the 70th General Service Conference be conducted under a modified schedule during the week of April 19-25, 2020 via remote meeting technology, to include Conference committee meetings and reports, board reports, possibly some additional presentations, and debate and voting on Conference committee recommendations. It is noted 1) that the logistics of a "virtual" Conference are being finalized and 2) that flexibility and understanding is requested of the Conference body in the efforts to implement workable arrangements and to amend "How the Conference Operates", as necessary.

Let me know your thoughts, reply your concerns, I look forward to hearing from you all...be safe.

In loving service and fellowship,

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