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Events, Announcements and News August 11, 2020

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**The Intergrouper is going back to just being
the regular Intergrouper. All changes for
Meeting information can be found on the
Website www.heartlandintergroup.org ,by
clicking the Coronavirus tab at the top of
the page.**

From Heartland Intergroup:

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The entire planet is going through a pandemic unlike anything since the 1918 Flu Epidemic. Governments all over the world have taken drastic steps to protect their citizens. Most people agree they have never seen anything like this in their lifetimes.

For the first time in the history of AA, we were instructed not to hold our regular meetings. Our community accepted this for one simple reason. We learned that holding a meeting meant one or more of our members might get sick or even die.

We say all this simply because there is nothing "traditional" about the world we live in. Nothing in the Big Book or the teachings of Bill and Bob talk about anything like the health crisis we are now facing. Nowhere does it give us an outline on how to help the next alcoholic when just shaking their hand or talking to them could lead to serious illness or even death of one of our members.

In April, the Intergroup officers made decisions with the intent to protect the ability of the Intergroup office to continue to serve the AA community in these troubling times. We applied for and received a loan from the federal government that provided funds to help keep the office running. Many Intergroup offices across the country have done the same. According to the rules set forth in the loan documents, these loans may be forgiven if we prove the money is used to cover the costs of rent and payroll. If these funds are used, we retain the option to repay them at a later date out of regular Intergroup revenue when normalcy returns.

Some have questioned if using the loan violates the 7th tradition. Others feel that if Intergroup goes out of business it violates the 5th tradition, because Intergroup cannot be there to assist the next sick and suffering alcoholic.

We must remember that Intergroup is not an AA group. Intergroup is a non-profit small business supported by the AA groups in our district. Intergroup's funds typically come from group and individual contributions as well as fundraisers. These funds are used to maintain the Intergroup office, pay rent, employ an office manager, maintain an inventory of AA literature, support the 12th step hotline, as well provide many other services to the groups in the Heartland District.

Since in-person meetings were suspended, our contributions have fallen dramatically. Fundraisers cannot be held in the foreseeable future. While we have reserves to cover the shortfall for several months, there may come a time when using the funds provided by the loan becomes necessary for the continuation of the Intergroup operation. If the financial condition of the Intergroup office reaches a point where the only option to closing our doors is using the loan funds, input from the Intergroup Reps will be sought before making the decision whether or not to proceed.

This pandemic has changed all our lives. It continues with no end in sight. One of the important lifelines our local AA community still has is the Intergroup office and the services it provides. We believe closing the office because of lack of funds should be avoided if at all possible.

We welcome your thoughts and opinions on this subject.

In love and service,

Intergroup



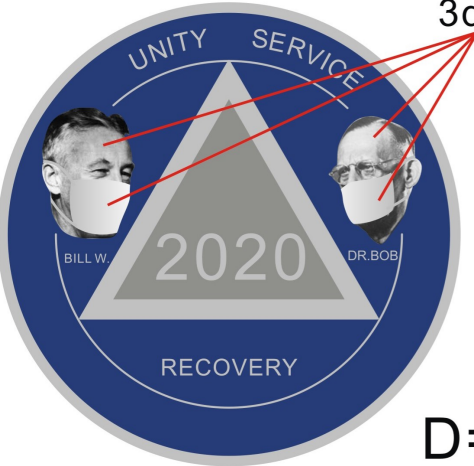
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**The Annual District Gratitude dinner has been cancelled
for November.**

People are talking!

The buzz about this year's Unity and Service Conference has started.

It is all about how AA members have utilized A.A. Traditions and Concepts in their lives! This is our 5th year, and our first virtual conference.

The conference is September 5 and 6, 2020.

You will need to register to attend, you can sign up [HERE!](#)
We will email you the ID and Password prior to the conference.

We would *greatly* appreciate your support if you could:

- 1) Get the word out by forwarding this email to those you sponsor or others that might be interested.
- 2) Include the flyer in newsletters, post it on websites, or announce it at meetings you attend. (The flyer can be downloaded from the website:
UnityAndServiceConference.org)
- 3) Come and attend the Conference yourself! It's a 'click' away to register.

This is an A.A. activity of the Love and Service A.A. Group in Pleasant Hill, CA, and any contributions in excess of the prudent reserve will be distributed to A.A. service entities.

Again - thank you for your time, support, consideration, and participation.

Sincerely,

The Unity & Service Conference Committee

<https://unityandserviceconference.org/register/>

Use this to register for the conference.



Virtual 5th Annual Unity & Service Conference

of Concord, California

"Applying our 12 Traditions & 12 Concepts to Real Life"





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Labor Day Weekend - All Times PDT

	Saturday, September 5	Sunday, September 6
8:45 am	Welcome! Serenity Prayer & Kickoff	
9:00 am	Memoirs of a Judge that Nudged <i>Rogelio Flores, Santa Barbara, CA</i> <i>Retired Judge & Past Class A Trustee</i>	Contempt Prior to Investigation? The 12 Concepts - "A Spiritual Experience" <i>Jennifer D., Wilmington, NC</i>
	10-Minute Tradition or Concept Vignette Before Each Main Speaker	
10:30 am	Service Panels Panel 1 - Young People Panel 2 - Bridging the Gap Panel 3 - Corrections (H & I) Q&A	Service Panels Panel 1 - Public Info & Cooperation with Professionals Panel 2 - Intergroup/Hotline Panel 3 - General Service Panel 4 - Sponsorship Q&A
12:00 pm	Break	
12:30 pm	Finance & Romance in AA's Digital Age <i>Jennifer D., Wilmington, NC</i> 10-Minute Tradition or Concept Vignette Before Each Main Speaker	Anonymity and Outside Issues: Rights vs. Responsibilities <i>Roger W., Vine Grove, KY</i> 10-Minute Tradition or Concept Vignette Before Each Main Speaker
2:00 pm	The Three Legacies and Relationships <i>Chuck & Beth H., Cary, NC</i> 10-Minute Tradition or Concept Vignette from an Al-Anon Speaker *This 2 Hour and 15-Minute Session Includes a 15-Minute Break at 3 pm Before Concluding at 4:15 pm*	Ask It Basket with Speakers <i>Rogelio, Jennifer, Don, Roger, Chuck & Beth</i>
3:00 pm	Break	Close with Responsibility Statement
4:30 pm	Unity vs. Conformity in the Home Group <i>Don L., Bellingham, WA</i> 10-Minute Tradition or Concept Vignette to Open	<div>Online Event! Space is Limited..... Pre-Register Today!</div> 
6:00 pm	Close with Responsibility Statement	

Registration Link & Contact Info: [Unityandserviceconference.org](https://unityandserviceconference.org) 925.222.5639



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