

Dear GSR's, Subcommittee Chairs, Executive committee members, and home group members;

As we look forward, towards this Area Inventory, I would like to remind everyone a few things as we sit down within our groups to begin this process.

"A substantial amount of preparation is required on everyone's part for an effective area inventory. GSRs, officers, and subcommittees must take a fearless, searching look at their work over the last year and come to the inventory session prepared to review their roles on the committee. GSRs should spend time with their groups considering what needs might be addressed by the area committee in the next year and come to the inventory session with ideas in hand. Officers and subcommittees should take the time to look at the make-up of the larger community in which they live, ask themselves how NA could be more effective in reaching out to that community, and be prepared to share their thoughts with the entire area committee. And perhaps most importantly, all area committee participants should make an extra effort to prepare themselves spiritually to make the most of the area inventory meeting."

-A Guide to Local Services pg. 59

The intent of an inventory is to discover how well the Area performs its primary purpose; to provide support for the meetings within that Area; to see where growth and change could benefit the Area.

This is absolutely not the place to take another member's inventory. However, there may be some inventory input that might be necessary to inventory a specific position. Keeping Spiritual Principles in mind at all times is imperative.

A following are some basic questions that you will want to go over with your group, committee trusted servants, and search internally for yourself. Also, understand that your group may have additional questions to ask during the inventory process, we encourage you to bring those questions with you to the upcoming inventory.

1. Does your ASC maintain an active welcoming committee for new GSR's to introduce them to area service and inform about their responsibilities?
2. Are new GSR's made familiar with your area service guidelines, area subcommittee guidelines, and other information which may aid them in their service work?
3. Do your GSR's cooperate and assist their alternates, teaching them how to prepare to carry on the duties of the GSR position?
4. Do area service members pass on their experience to other that will follow?
5. Do area service members take their roles as trusted servants, responsibly?
6. Does your ASC help fulfill our primary purpose?
7. Does the area, as a whole, help to fulfill our primary purpose?
8. Do the subcommittee's function as they are intended? Does this ASC and area support them?
9. Do you base your elections of all trusted servants based on the person's willingness, ability, past experience, available time stability, and other relevant factors? Do you remember to place the common welfare first?
10. Does this area follow through when those that have been elected are not fulfilling their responsibilities to the area? Are you correcting the situation and those positions with people who are willing and able to carry out their tasks?

11. Does your area support Region and its committees? Does your area support other area's and their events within the Region?
12. So your groups know all that the basket is for? Does your area handle NA funds properly? Do you keep the fund flow moving?

Again, these are just some simple questions to help start a discussion with your group or committee. Taking the time needed for your group to reflect on these topics and any that may arise is necessary for this inventory to be thorough and complete. Some groups may need an additional group conscience, within this month, to be able to address all the topics the group feels needs to be examined. I would encourage you and your group or committee to meet as often as needed to ensure that you feel confident going into this inventory session. Contacting your sponsor and drawing on the God of your understanding will be helpful in times of confusion or doubt. Alone I can't but together we can.

Feel free to contact me with any further questions or concerns you may have.

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