

AREA 29
TWENTIETH BIENNIAL INVENTORY
SATURDAY OCTOBER 19, 2024

9:00 am

Severna Park United Methodist Church

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Below are inventory questions for the Area Inventory scheduled for Saturday October 19, 2024. Please review them, discuss with your district, and home group and be prepared to share your thoughts/concerns. Focus on the following: a) What is working well? b) What is not working? c) What would you change/suggest for improvement?

These two paragraphs from the Maryland General Service Area Assembly Handbook should provide the jumping off point for our searching and fearless inventory.

“The purpose of the Maryland General Service Area Assembly is the same as the purpose of an A.A. group: to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. Primarily, this is done by electing a Delegate to serve as the Area’s conscience at the annual General Service Conference... The Assembly may also carry out Twelfth Step work that may not be practical for groups, districts or intergroups to take on by themselves.” (p. 14 Maryland General Service Area Assembly Handbook)

“... the primary purpose of the Area Committee is to *’provide recommendations and/or information for action by the Area Assembly as the Area Committee may deem appropriate, or as the Area Assembly may specify, and shall carry out such other functions as the Area Assembly may designate.” (P. 15 of MGS Area Assembly Handbook and Article 2.05 of the Maryland General Service Inc. Bylaws)

1. How are we fulfilling these purposes in Area 29? How can we improve? Do you have any suggestions as to how we can improve the present committee structure of our nineteen standing committees?
2. How well is information flowing between groups, districts, and the Area (i.e., up and down the triangle).
3. How well do members of the Area Assembly understand the process of decision making/Robert’s Rules to be the informed group conscience of the Area, with the voice of the groups being heard? In what ways are we placing principles before personalities or vice versa in our discussions and deliberations?

4. Many people come to one Area Assembly and do not return. Why? What can we do to engage people to stick with Area service, so that they want to stay involved and be attracted to Area service?
5. We have been offering a hybrid option for our Area meetings for a few years now. Are they effective? In what ways are they effective? How can they be improved?
6. In what ways do you see Area 29 assisting the new person to Area service? Is it adequate? What can we do to improve?
7. What suggestions do you have to ensure the Area Assembly and Area Committee participants accurately reflect the diversity of the membership of AA in Area 29?
8. What resources do you see as necessary to fully involve our linguistic District 29 and Hispanic members in Area service?
9. How can we attract members of the fellowship to have opportunities for service on committees and participation in Area 29 activities? How can we encourage more involvement?
10. In what ways are our service entities and our trusted servants supported? To what degree is support of the Area discussed at the group level? At the District level?
11. To what extent are we mindful of the spiritual principles underlying the right of decision, the right of participation, and minority opinion (the right of appeal)? Does every member feel they have the right to voice their opinion?
12. Our new website was launched in January. How effective is it? How user friendly? After using the website, are there ways it might be improved?

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