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Dear Fellow Conference Members & Attendees:

Reflecting on our General Service Conference, there is so much that comes to mind: the wonderful work of the committees, the debate and sharing on the Conference floor, and the camaraderie among us all. Simply, love and service in action brought us to the group conscience of the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Along with the joy of these and so many other special experiences came an outbreak of Covid-19. This was certainly very unfortunate. First and foremost, our thoughts and prayers go out to all who tested positive both during the Conference week and upon their return home. We wish you a quick and full recovery and continued good health. As of this writing, most of those who stayed behind to quarantine in the hotel have now recovered enough to return home. The office arranged for several of our employees to coordinate meal delivery as well as other needed support.

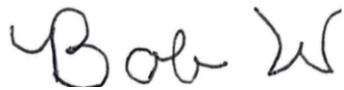
Looking ahead, we realize and acknowledge there are lessons to be learned from this experience. As with our personal inventories, our focus will be to take an honest appraisal, learn from our experience, and make improvements as we move forward. We host many events throughout the year — Forums, board weekends and corporate board meetings. We will continue to explore and apply precautionary measures and stay informed of local, state and federal guidelines.

Throughout A.A. history, our A.A. Tradition and service structure have guided us through the many challenges and problems the Fellowship has faced. Dealing with the remnants of Covid-19, we need to address head-on questions as to how we continue to come together to serve and carry out the primary purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous.

To this end, the office and the boards look forward to sharing about strategies and methods to minimize the risks we face when we come together. This joint sharing will provide direction to trustees' committees that will examine many aspects of the events that occurred at the 72nd General Service Conference and then discuss how best to deal with similar instances should they arise in the future. These committees will, in turn, confer with related Conference committees. As we move through this new Conference year, we will keep in touch with you and inform you of our thoughts and ideas as these efforts continue.

Thank you so much for your participation and service throughout the Conference week.

With much care and concern,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob W." in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Bob W.
General Manger, GSO

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda L. Chezem" in a cursive, flowing font.

Linda Chezem
Chair, General Service Board