



Dear Fellow Servant and Member:

A decision has been made to cancel the Area 59 Pre-Conference Sharing Session as an event where we gather in person. The University of the Sciences in Philadelphia informed us that they have cancelled all community-based events for the short term and that puts us out of a venue to use. In addition, the PA department of health is discouraging gatherings of 250 persons. This is a number that we could easily reach for Pre-Conference Sharing Session.

Thus, in consultation with your area officers, we have decided to design a Pre-Conference Sharing Session that is limited to the Area 59 Committee Members and conducted through an online teleconference. We will create a simple format so that DCMs and area officers can share on a more limited set of topics chosen by the delegate. This format will allow input to continue and help prepare the delegate for the General Service Conference with the input of DCMs from across the Area.

That means that DCMs should discuss matters in their districts to prepare to share on the Pre-Conference Sharing Session teleconference.

The date for the teleconference will be April 5th starting at 1:00 PM. It will be limited to DCMs and Area Officers on the current Area 59 Committee. More details will follow.

In addition, since this is the first time we have used this kind of online approach (digital meeting) we will have a practice run with the 11 PCSS Committee Chairpersons who originally received packets of background. We will be designing a different sharing format than the committee system we have used with in-person meetings in the past. **The “dry-run” conference call with subcommittee chairpersons will take place on the evening of March 26th.** More details will follow.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this challenging time.

In Fellowship and Service,

Area 59, Panel 69 Officers