

Pre-Conference Workshop
MSCA 09

⊕ *A Declaration of Unity*

This we owe to AA's Future;
To place our common welfare first;
To keep our Fellowship united.
For on AA unity depend our lives,
and the lives of those to come

⊕ *Responsibility Declaration*

I am responsible.
When anyone, anywhere,
reaches out for help,
I want the hand of AA always to be there.
And for that: I am responsible.



Sunday, Apr. 9
8150 Knott Avenue,
Buena Park, CA

Why do we need a Conference?

The late Bernard B. Smith, nonalcoholic, then chairperson of the board of trustees, and one of the architects of the Conference structure, answered that question superbly in his opening talk at the 1954 meeting:

"We may not need a General Service Conference to ensure our own recovery. We do need it to ensure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to ensure the recovery of a child being born tonight, destined for alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in A.A. that rebirth that brought us back to life.

"We need it because we, more than all others, are conscious of the devastating effect of the human urge for power and prestige which we must ensure can never invade A.A. We need it to ensure A.A. against government, while insulating it against anarchy; we need it to protect A.A. against disintegration while preventing overintegration. We need it so that Alcoholics Anonymous, and Alcoholics Anonymous alone, is the ultimate repository of its Twelve Steps, its Twelve Traditions, and all of its services.

"We need it to ensure that changes within A.A. come only as a response to the needs and the wants of all A.A., and not of any few. We need it to ensure that the doors of the halls of A.A. never have locks on them, so that all people for all time who have an alcoholic problem may enter these halls unasked and feel welcome. We need it to ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous never asks of anyone who needs us what his or her race is, what his or her creed is, what his or her social position is."

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PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP PROGRAM

- 8:30 am ~ Registration, Coffee & Donuts
- 9:00 am ~ Opening Prayer
Declaration of unity ~ Spanish and English
Twelve Traditions ~ Spanish and English
- 9:15 am ~ Opening Remarks ~ Craig S Area Chair
- 9:30 am ~ Delegates Message - Bruce H.
- 9:45 am ~ Roundtable Discussion (round 1)
- 10:30 am ~ Sponsorship (presentation) Nick M.
- 11:00 am ~ Roundtable Discussion (round 2)
- 11:45 am ~ Lunch
- 12:30 pm ~ Service (presentation) Nancy J.
- 1:00 pm ~ Roundtable Discussions (round 3)
- 1:45 pm ~ Self Support (presentation) Al P.
- 2:15 pm ~ Roundtable Report Back
- 3:00 pm ~ Ask it Basket
Past Delegates, Area Officers and Others
- 3:15 pm ~ Closing Remarks ~ Joe B
- 3:20 pm ~ Birthdays
- 3:30 pm ~ Closing prayer