

## **Task Force Topic: Spiritual Meeting Guidelines**

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Background/Historical Info: These Guidelines were last updated during Panel 46. We need to have some simple, but effective guidelines for the chair of the Spiritual Meeting so that we have some kind of consistency from meeting to meeting.

Thought Force references (if any): Please use the Thought Force feedback located on the Area Website as a resource. It is not necessarily what you have to do, but there may be thoughts or perspectives you will want to consider.

Financial Impact: none

Charge: Please update the Spiritual Meeting Guidelines for the Area. Remember to use AFG Area 9 rather than NFA or North Florida when referring to the Area. Keep them simple and focused on what members may want/expect from a Spiritual meeting rather than telling the Chairperson when/where to have it or the Spiritual Meeting Chair how to run it.

### **KBDM Questions from Thought Force (if any):**

What do we wish we knew, but don't?

Task Force Timeline: Work together over the phone (using Free Conference Calls) and through email or using Google Docs. Roger (or Cindy) can show you how to access these tools. You may find this to be a fairly straightforward and simple process. I would like to have the recommendation and report by July 1.

### **Task Force Summary / Findings:**

- One member did research on Spiritual Meetings using World Service Conference Summaries. Some of that information was used in updating these guidelines.
- We also tried to find guidelines for Spiritual Meetings on other Area websites but were unsuccessful.
- We used "Keep It Simple" as we worked through this process.

### **Task Force Recommendation:**

- As a group we feel that the day, time and location of Spiritual Meetings at Assembly and AWSC should be left to the Area Chairperson who is setting the agenda. We are moving the hotel venue, therefore trying to predict location seems useless. We feel Spiritual Meetings are needed, useful and encouraging during both Assembly and AWSC, however the day and time is not that important and should be placed in the agenda where it will flow nicely with the rest of the weekend. Change is OK!
- We chose to change the suggestion of someone who isn't involved in service to chair the meeting, from a negative to a positive statement.
- We have added the suggestion of using a microphone for larger meetings (such as our May 2015 Assembly) in which some were having difficulty hearing members share.

We have added more examples of meeting topics that were taken from the CAL Guideline: "Suggested Programs" (G-13).