

Conference Leadership Team (CLT) Update

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Enhancing Our Recovery through Abundance, Unity, and Understanding Enriquecer nuestra recuperación a través de la abundancia, unidad y comprensión Enrichir notre rétablissement par l'abondance, l'unité et la compréhension

The Conference Leadership Team (CLT) has the responsibility to prepare a World Service Conference (WSC) agenda that facilitates the active voice and effective group conscience of our fellowship.

To accomplish this responsibility, the CLT initiated the planning process for the 2023 WSC shortly after returning home from the 2022 in-person WSC in New York. The CLT members have reviewed the 2022 WSC evaluations that were submitted. We appreciate each member's comments, feedback, and suggestions. All your input is valuable as we prepare for the next WSC.

The 2023 WSC will be held in-person, Thursday April 20 through Sunday April 23, 2023, at The Founders Inn in Virginia Beach, Virginia. As reported in the 2021 World Service Office Annual Report, the Board of Trustees passed a motion to approve a three-year trial reducing Conference to four days beginning in 2023. The Board and CLT listened to Conference member comments and are hoping to honor their request to reduce time away from personal and professional lives. Delegates are scheduled to arrive on Wednesday, April 19 and depart April 24.

The 2023 Four-Day Conference agenda will include an orientation for new WSC members, Sharing Area Highlights, an Opening Lunch, Conference, the Annual Open Board of Trustee Meetings, a Closing Dinner, and a visit to the World Service Office (WSO).

As a result of WSC evaluation comments and suggestions from the 2022 WSC Retrospective meeting held with CLT, the Board of Trustees (BOT), and WSO Conference Staff, the CLT is looking at additional ways for the Delegates to actively participate in the Conference. We also hope to provide further clarifications that will help Delegates be more informed ahead of Conference.

The CLT reviewed 20 theme phrases and an additional 35 words and phrases that were made as suggestions for the 2023 WSC theme. The CLT forwarded their suggestion to the BOT for approval.

The approved suggestion will be announced closer to the end of 2022 to align with timing for introduction in January 2023.

We look forward to the ongoing evolving preparations for the 2023 WSC.

The seven-member Conference Leadership Team includes:

- Chairperson and Co-Chairperson of Conference (both Trustees)
- Associate Director—Conference
- Chairperson of the Board of Trustees
- Executive Director
- Director of Programs
- Training & Project Specialist (ex-officio, non-voting)