Hello,

Thank you for your question, comments and concerns and for visiting our website!

We in Area 9 are very concerned about all our members during this very sober time of Covid-19.

Panel 58 wants you to know that our first wish is that you are well and will remain well.

I want to review with you some basic fundamentals affecting all of us in dealing with the virus and how it may be affecting your Groups, Districts and Events. Each of those entities are autonomous based on Tradition 4 and Concept 1 so whatever you choose to do within the entities is your decision based on, as always, the Group Conscience. So, you may decide to stop holding hands, establish different seating arrangements. The location where you meet may close temporarily. You may suspend your meeting for a period of time or move to another temporary location.

Committees for Events may meet and may have to change dates and times and reschedule. Districts may have to cancel one or two meetings. They may not be able to meet where they currently are meeting.

All those actions can be handled by the "Group Conscience" for that entity. I am confident knowing the history and wisdom of the "Group Conscience" the right decision will be made for all involved.

We at the Area are supportive of the decisions you must make to ensure that all remain safe and healthy as we journey through this. The Area Officers continue to meet to discuss Area Events that are upcoming and we will communicate the outcome of those conversations as quickly as possible. Know that every effort is being made to do the right thing using the KBDM process.

So, I will continue to be in touch with you! If and when there is a need to update this information, return to the website and there will be information there.

Your Trusted Servant,

Diane C

Diane C., Chairperson, Panel 58

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"It takes one person to start something, but many others to keep it going",. Lois Wilson, MVOJ, Pg. 262