

THE ALCOHOLIC FOUNDATION

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS — ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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GRAND CENTRAL ANNEX

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NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

November 10, 1950

Dear AAs:

Enclosed you will find an appeal and a plan by Dr. Bob and me for the formation of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous.

It is a request that the A.A. Groups assume guidance of The Alcoholic Foundation at New York and so take direct responsibility for these most vital service affairs.

Marking, as this does, a turning point in A.A. history, Dr. Bob and I trust the enclosed plan will receive the closest study by you and the members of your Group. We deeply hope for your entire approval and cooperation.

To make the plan effective, you will note that two varieties of cooperation are asked of your Group.

1. If your Group is not too far removed from the "Assembly" city described in Section III, will it send a representative to this point to choose State or Provincial Committeemen and a Delegate to the Conference?
2. Irrespective of whether your Group participates in the selection of a Delegate in 1951 (or at all), will it contribute \$5 (or \$10 if a large Group) annually toward the general overhead expense of the Conference as described in Section IV of the enclosed plan?

A few extra copies of this plan are being sent all Secretaries to be handed to Group members. As the Foundation could not afford a complete mailing to all members, please send 5¢ a copy for additional plans.

This letter is a preliminary survey to determine the extent of A.A. interest in this vital undertaking. We suggest that thorough discussion be had in Group business meetings. As we intend to hold the first Conference in April 1951, we are racing against time.

If your Group wishes to act, please check the pledge form enclosed, and return it to The Alcoholic Foundation so we can see where we stand and arrange the appropriate meetings. We would also like similar information from Panel #2 Groups and must know the full result of this letter by December 15, 1950.

We anxiously await your reply. Your response may deeply affect the destiny of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Devotedly,

Bill