

Dear Trusted Servants of Area 21,

Please see the attached memo from the Trustees Literature Committee. It includes a short summary of the controversy of Changing the Founders' words and the suggestion from the 73<sup>rd</sup> GSC to seek input from the fellowship. It also includes specific questions that the Trustees Literature Committee has devised for the input. (Note that these questions are revised or different from questions suggested by the Conference committee.)

The memo thanks members (referring to the "top of the triangle") for participating, but there is no direction for where to send the input; or for what level of group conscience was involved in the response.

Our current panel of Area 21 has engaged in this discussion since the preparation of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Conference and in its review of an agenda time proposed for the 74<sup>th</sup> GSC. I can imagine several are even tired of the discussion and hoping to set it aside. However, I have noticed in the recent conference sharing session meetings, and from other delegates, that there is a push for the issue to be addressed in some fashion in the 74<sup>th</sup> GSC. I believe the trustees are taking it to heart and looking at where a "sharing session" could occur in the agenda for the conference. With this in mind, I am encouraging our area to carry on in our discussion with the issue and to get a sense of our group conscience, as I prepare for the 74<sup>th</sup>.

I realize that groups or districts could send their own response of the questions directly to the Trustees Literature Committee. If that was the case; I would respectfully request that I be cc'd a copy of the response. This is merely to help me get a sense of where my area members stand on the questions. Otherwise, I'm hoping we can in some way plan for a more area wide discussion in the preparation for the 74<sup>th</sup> GSC. I honestly do not know where or when that could occur at this time. In the meantime, I encourage any or all of you to start the discussion within your groups and districts.

We all know from experience this is not an easy discussion, but it is not one that will just go away. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your courage, participation and your service.

In Love and Service,

Tom H

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