

Conference Leadership Team (CLT) Update

April 2021

Rosie M., Outgoing Chairperson
Nancy S., Incoming Chairperson
Teri M., Outgoing Co-Chairperson
Debbie P., Incoming Co-Chairperson

Moving Forward with Unity, Courage, and Perseverance **Avancemos con unidad, valor y perseverancia** **Allons de l'avant avec unité, courage et persévérance**

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.

The 61st World Service Conference was held virtually from April 12–16, 2021. Since the CLT had a longer time to prepare the agenda compared to last year, this year's Conference members experienced an agenda that had many of the same items as if it had been a face-to-face Conference. Some of the agenda items were items that had been postponed from the 2020 WSC. Below are a few of the highlights of the week:

- Outgoing Panel 59 Delegate Three-Minute Sharings
- Virtual Tour of Stepping Stones
- Pinning of the Panel 60 and 61 Delegates
- Annual Report Updates from the WSO Staff
- Board Chosen Agenda Item Discussion—Diversity Today
- Opening Speaker—Debbie G.
- Two Spiritual Speakers—Mary V. and Anu B.
- Welcoming 12 International Guests
- Presentation of
 - Task Force: Using the Concepts in Personal Recovery
 - Task Force: Conflict Resolution
 - Thought Force: Dreaming Big Envisioning Our Future
- Mega Issue Conversation—Encouraging members to share their talents to fulfill the needs of AFG, Inc. as a member of the Board of Trustees
- Time to Talk Breakout Session
- Trustee Sharings on “Being of Service to AFG, Inc.”
- Affirmation of Trustees At-Large, Regional Trustees, and Board Officers

The week was not without challenges. Meeting in any type of virtual format presents some technical challenges, but Conference members waited patiently as the WSO Tech Team sorted out the problems and used the time to share some of their favorite quotes from our Conference Approved Literature.

It is hard to imagine, but planning has already begun for the 2022 World Service Conference which will be held in New York from April 25 to April 30 at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown, NY.

We would like to express a heartfelt thank you to all Conference members for participating in the 2021 WSC. All your hard work, dedication, and application of the principles of this program were inspiring, as you participated in discussions throughout the week.

The seven-member Conference Leadership Team includes:

- The Chairperson and Co-Chairperson of the Conference, both Trustees
- The Associate Director—Conference
- The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees
- The WSO Executive Director
- The Director of Programs
- WSO Staff Events Team Member (ex-officio, with voice but no vote)