

Area Chair Report

NIA 20 Fall Committee Meeting

October 3, 2026

Lord of Life Church

Thank you to District 22 for hosting today's Fall Committee Meeting.

It has only been three weeks since our Fall Assembly, so there is not a great deal of new activity to report. Much of my time since then has been spent preparing for today's meeting, responding to emails, receiving new business, and having conversations with other trusted servants about the work taking place throughout the Area.

One of the larger projects has been developing the proposed 2027 Area calendar. This involved looking at regional events, NIA conferences, major holidays, the General Service Conference, and making sure our Delegate would be available for our Area events. It took quite a bit of coordination, but putting it together also reminded me just how many opportunities we have throughout the year to participate in service, fellowship, and A.A. beyond our home groups.

I have also continued communicating with our officers about Area business and our remaining open service positions. At Lorrie's suggestion, I asked our Service Manual Custodian to order additional Service Manuals. We've had more members asking for them as participation has increased, which is a good problem to have.

I also had a conversation with a DCM who was interested in learning more about the process for submitting a bid to host the 2028 Illinois State Conference. Helping districts understand how they can become more involved in these opportunities is something I am always happy to do.

As we meet today, I continue to be encouraged by the participation we are seeing throughout the Area. I also want to continue encouraging all of us to recognize good service when we see it. There is a lot of work happening throughout NIA that doesn't always get noticed. If someone has helped you, welcomed you, answered a question, or is simply doing a good job in their service position, tell them. A little gratitude and encouragement can go a long way toward making this an Area where people want to participate and continue serving.

Thank you for being here today and for everything you do for Northern Illinois Area 20.

Aaron V.

NIA 20 Area Chair