



Area Chair Report

NIA 20 Spring Committee Meeting
May 16, 2026
Lord of Life Church

Thank you to District 61 for their work in hosting today's Spring Committee Meeting.

Thank you to Dawn and Lisa for dedicating so much time during the long week of Pre-GSC breakouts, followed by an even longer week at the General Service Conference itself. Today, we are fortunate to hear a brief recap from Lisa, and I look forward to hearing her experience and insights from the Conference.

I recently attended a meeting with Lorrie F. and members of the Conference Advisory Committee, who are working hard to strengthen and support future Area conferences. The committee continues exploring ways to improve the hosting process, encourage participation, and provide greater support and consistency for future host districts.

Today we will hear the Final Report from the 2026 Spring Conference, graciously hosted by District 23. The conference was a tremendous success, and I was especially grateful to see 71 GSRs in attendance at the Assembly on Saturday morning. That level of participation is an encouraging step forward and reflects a growing commitment to service throughout the Area, while also reminding us there is still room to grow.

The 2027 Spring Assembly and Conference has been relocated from the Hyatt Schaumburg to the Hyatt Deerfield while keeping the same dates of March 14 through 16, 2027.

One of my ongoing commitments as Area Chair is to actively reach out to districts with little or no participation in Area service to better understand the challenges or disconnects that may exist. At the same time, we are continuing to work toward an Area environment that feels welcoming, constructive, and encouraging, one where members feel informed, supported, respected, and inspired to stay involved in service

Please don't hesitate to contact me, and to invite me to your District meetings!

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NIA 20 Area Chair