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PLEASE SHARE THIS LETTER WITH YOUR AREA FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Dear Panel 68 and 69 Delegates,

This letter is to welcome you to the 69th General Service Conference. You are one of fewer than 3,600 people who, over the years, have been given the opportunity to be part of the history of A.A. by attending a General Service Conference as a trusted servant of the Fellowship. As you know, the 69th General Service Conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza in New York City from Sunday morning, May 19, 2019, through Saturday, May 25, 2019.

The following Advisory Action of the 2017 General Service Conference established the current Conference fee of \$1,800 per area: "The annual delegate's contribution be increased from \$1,600 to \$1,800."

Additionally, Areas are encouraged to consider making voluntary contributions in addition to the \$1,800 fee in order to help cover Conference costs. We currently estimate that the final direct cost of the previous Conference (2018) will be approximately \$1,100,000, which equals approximately \$8,300 per Conference member. We recognize that each area will need to consider its own needs and resources in deciding whether and in what amount such a contribution will be made. We appreciate all voluntary contributions of any amount. During 2018 (through October 31, 2018), we have received approximately \$346,000 in Area Contributions and Additional Contributions toward the 2018 Conference compared with \$293,458 for the year 2017.

In accordance with Conference policy, payment of the \$1,800 (U.S. dollars) for the 2019 Conference is due by March 1, 2019. Additional voluntary contributions may be made at any time. Please make checks payable to "General Service Board" and mail to:

General Service Conference General Service Office P.O. Box 459 Grand Central Station New York, NY 10163 In the spirit of self-support, many areas inquire as to the direct cost of participation at the General Service Conference. The following represents the approximate cost per Conference member:

2018: Estimated \$8,300 (in Manhattan) 2017: \$5,500 (Rye Brook) 2016: \$7,400 (in Manhattan)

2015: \$7,800 (in Manhattan)

2014: \$5,800 (in Rye Brook)

2013: \$6,800 (in Manhattan)

2012: \$5,400 (in Rye Brook)

Many thanks for your kind cooperation and very best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

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