

REOPENING MEETING SPACES: GROUP CONSIDERATIONS & ISSUES

Saturday, June 6th at 9:00am

Area 61 Meeting Room via Zoom

Meeting ID: 912 640 0169, Password: Area61

PURPOSE

Workshop purpose is to discuss considerations and issues that our groups are likely to encounter when they develop their individual group consciences on in-person meetings and other group matters in light of COVID-19. Workshop purpose is NOT to tell groups what to do, but instead to provide a forum for discussion among members.

AGENDA SNAPSHOT

9:00-9:50am

Workshop Introduction

Sharing by Trusted Servants on Considerations & Issues

- Traditions
- Public Health
- Government, State, Federal Regulations
- Other legal issues
- Environmental Health & Meeting Execution

9:50-10:25am

Q & A

In preparation for the workshop, please review and consider the Frequently Asked Questions on the next page.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

for our groups to consider

- Has your home group scheduled a group conscience or business meeting to consider resuming face-to-face meetings?
- Is your group familiar with the latest CDC, state and federal regulations regarding gatherings (such as wearing masks, meeting size limits, social distancing)?
- Will your group provide hospitality service?
- Will your group provide supplies, such as hand sanitizer and masks?
- Has your group had a discussion with its landlord to learn if it will be allowed to resume meetings and if so with what guidelines?
- Will the group institute new protocols for cleaning/disinfecting common surfaces?
- If the group typically attracts more attendees than can now be accommodated with the new restrictions, how will it handle this challenge?
- If a literature meeting, will your group share literature between members?
- Has the group discussed concerns around the common handling of the basket, secretary book, bookie calendar, chips, tickets, pamphlets, etc?
- Will your group expand the Greeter's role? Create new service jobs?
- What will the group do at the point it reaches its capacity as defined in the latest regulations?
- Does the group have access to additional rooms for overflow or an alternative space?
- Has the group considered how it will respond if requested to cooperate with health department contact tracing efforts?
- Has the group considered not reopening its in-person meeting until such time as it can meet unrestricted?
- Has your group considered how its actions and decisions could affect other groups or AA as a whole?
- If your group has been meeting on a virtual platform, will those meetings continue in any form after the group reopens?
- Has your group discussed its processes for accepting contributions? Electronic contributions options? Making contributions in keeping with its group conscience?
- Are there ways to combine face-to-face meetings and virtual meetings as one?