



Greetings everyone! It has been 15 months since we had to quickly transition everything from in-person to virtual. As your Chairperson, I could not be more proud of our Intergroup reps, Committee Chairs and Officers that not only made the transition a smooth one, but took our Intergroup to an entirely new level. We extended our online account to any groups that needed it. We went from no groups meeting online to literally hosting hundreds of meetings weekly in short order. Our Committees that normally hosted in-person events pivoted to go virtual. Great job to everyone who made this possible. Our events regularly attracted AA members

from literally all over the world, sometimes reaching close to a thousand participants.

We added a link to our website for groups and members to make donations electronically. As a result, we maintained our fiscal soundness, and never had to dip into our Prudent Reserve!

We even found ways to carry the message into our local institutions, allowing us to help those just starting on this amazing journey.

Our Website became a vital link to those we serve more than ever. Information for both in-person and virtual meetings was updated constantly and we even added a chat feature to better serve our members!

And if that wasn't enough, in the middle of a global pandemic, we moved our Treasury and bank accounts online and into the 21st century.

Your Intergroup hosts virtual meetings from Seattle to London! We also took the lead in recognizing these totally online groups as full-fledged member groups of Cape Atlantic Intergroup!

We cannot, of course, predict what the future will bring, but we suspect it will be some combination of in-person and online groups. We were pleased to hear that at the Annual General Service Conference this year, they took the unprecedented step of also recognizing these online meetings as member groups in the GSO structure.

As I have said before, we did not just survive the pandemic, we strived and thrived. A huge congratulations to everyone that made this possible!

As we all start to come out of the many restrictions in place for everyone's safety, and local groups have begun to meet more and more in person, it is time for your Intergroup to follow suit. At our last meeting, it was decided that the next Steering Committee meeting on July 14th will be both in person and online. This format is known as "hybrid." There is bound to be some growing pains, but we will work to find the technology to do this right. It was also decided to host our Regular Intergroup meeting in this same format. I am happy to report that our regular meeting location at the Epiphany Lutheran Church in Pleasantville, NJ is available. We are working with the Church to assure we can meet at our regular day and time in August. We are hoping to be technologically sound for that meeting, making it available to those that want to attend in person and also online. We will discuss and vote on the possible purchase of the equipment needed to make this successful.

We look forward to seeing you soon, regardless of the format. Thank you all very much - we could not do any of this without your support!!

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