
To: The Fellowship
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The last few months have been the busiest I have experienced since serving on the WSC Literature Committee. The Steps Ad Hoc Committee met in January, February, and March. A WSCLC meeting was held in February, and I attended the Harrisburg Agenda Workshop in

February. With all of these meetings and reports to write, it has gotten overwhelming at times. At this time, I am in the process of finalizing a report from the January and February Steps Ad Hoc Committee meetings, the literature committee's annual report, and this *Fellowship Report*. So many reports are reporting the same kind of information that I am not sure what to say where. Let me see. . .

Steps Ad Hoc Committee

A comprehensive report on the committee's January and February meetings are being distributed at about the same time as this *Fellowship Report*. For a more detailed report, please refer to the January-February Steps Ad Hoc Committee report.

January Meeting

The January meeting focused primarily on a review and rewrite of the first drafts of Steps Three and Four. These drafts were better developed than the first drafts of Step One and Two. As with any project, our initial efforts weren't exactly what we wanted. But, after we all became more comfortable with the process, our work on the Step Three and Step Four drafts was easier.

In early January, drafts of Step One and Two were mailed to the various world services boards and committees. The ad hoc group didn't think that the cover memo for the drafts clearly conveyed that these were preliminary drafts and not completed work. Basically, the ad hoc group knew that a lot more work was needed for the drafts, and it might have appeared that they were our final work. We discussed this and decided to suggest to the WSCLC that third or fourth drafts be released to the world services boards and committees instead of each working draft.

The ad hoc committee also discussed possible fellowship review processes for the Steps portion of *It Works: How and Why*. There are two basic ways to release the book for review and input. The first would be in the traditional manner, releasing the entire book for a 9-12 months review period. The other alternative would be to release the book piecemeal—two or three chapters at a time. The ad hoc committee's opinion at this meeting was to release the draft in its entirety. The ad hoc committee believed that the design of the chapters, which contains a thread of continuity throughout all Twelve Steps, would be best evaluated and reviewed as a whole book.

Because of the WSO's current financial situation and personnel reduction, the editor of our project was reassigned to another project and will not be able to attend our meetings. We are concerned about staff reduction, and although this decision may have been unavoidable, the continuity of staff support is an important factor in our work.

WSCLC-Steps Review

The WSC Literature Committee met in February and reviewed the ad hoc group's work. The WSCLC set up some parameters for the ad hoc committee's ongoing work of developing step drafts.

The WSCLC decided to increase the communication between the two committees. Step meetings are held almost every other month, and to stay updated the WSCLC wants more detailed reports from the steps ad hoc group. I will be sending the literature committee a more informal and detailed report along with additional reports from the two WSCLC members who sit on the ad hoc committee.

The literature committee agreed with the ad hoc group's decision to wait until the drafts are in a more advanced stage of development before releasing them for review by the WSCLC and WSB. A revised production schedule was discussed and is currently being developed.

The WSCLC reviewed the ad hoc group's suggestion that the book should be released only in its completed Twelve Step form. We haven't made a final decision on this yet. The committee did decide to release the first two chapters on a *For Your Information* (FYI) basis. We plan to send these drafts to conference participants and area and regional literature committees before the April WSC.

February Ad Hoc Meeting

The ad hoc committee's February meeting agenda was determined by the WSCLC's decision to release Steps One and Two by the WSC. We worked diligently Friday, Saturday and Sunday to review and revise Step drafts One, Two and Three. At the next Steps meeting, March 16, 17, and 18, we will finish up these drafts, and if time allows to continue on to Step Four.

February WSCLC Meeting

The agenda for the WSCLC meeting kept us very busy. Instead of giving a detailed report here please refer to the WSCLC February minutes. The minutes will be mailed out in late March. Our work for the weekend centered on our three main projects: the Steps, *In Times of Illness*, and the daily book.

Steps Project

The committee reviewed the Steps Ad Hoc Committee's work and made some decisions described in a previous section of this report. Besides discussing a number of administrative issues, the WSCLC also provided written input to the ad hoc group on the first two steps.

In Times of Illness

Most of the day Friday was spent reviewing and editing *In Times of Illness*. The committee plans to release this I.P. for a 12 month approval period following the 1991 WSC. If all goes well, we will complete it at our Sunday committee meeting during the conference. If the committee isn't able to finish it during the conference week, it will be released shortly afterwards.

Daily Book

As we reported at the 1990 WSC and throughout this past year, the WSCLC has been gradually increasing the resources devoted to the daily meditation book. A simple plan has been effective in producing 33 drafts that the literature committee reviewed in February. The WSCLC decided to release these drafts to conference participants and area and regional literature committees on an FYI basis. We are asking for general comments to see if we're heading in the right direction before we set up a review and input process.

The process we have used for the daily book has been effective because it has used fellowship input, a working group of the WSCLC, and the assistance of WSO staff for writing and editing. Although we had hoped to increase our efforts on this project, we have temporarily put it "on hold." Unfortunately, we have had to suspend work because of the WSO staff reductions and the reassignment of the project editor. The committee will discuss this matter at the WSC to get some direction from the conference regarding this project.

Conclusion

Since this is my last *Fellowship Report* as WSCLC chairperson, I want to thank all of you who wrote or called about various literature matters. It has been a tremendous learning and growing experience communicating with you all.
