

November 11, 1977

Dear Friends,

Well, the Seventh World Convention has come and gone, and as always it was great. The San Francisco Convention Committee did a super job, and their dedication showed. Next year...Houston, Texas! Fantastic! And probably one of the best things that could happen for the growth of N.A.

The real purpose of this letter is better communications and to let you know what happened at the World Service Conference. The WSC was called to order at 12:30 p.m. on October 21, 1977 as planned in the agenda. At that time only three trustees were in attendance (none of the Regional Delegates or other trustees had, as yet, arrived). Because of this poor showing the Conference was adjourned until 2:30 p.m. in the hope that more participants would be there at that time. When we reconvened we had gained one trustee, two Delegates and one Regional Chairman (sitting in for his absent Delegate). We opened up the Conference for discussion and the consensus was that this showing was not representative of the fellowship and that the Conference should be postponed until a later date, separate from the convention. The dates March 25 and March 26, 1978 were chosen and the World Service Office will make the arrangements.

The plan is to keep the Conference as simple as possible. A meeting hall, some basic refreshments, and some housing will be arranged for; beyond that, the Delegates will be pretty much on their own. The two day Conference will be broken up into four morning and afternoon sessions. These sessions will focus on Old Business, Committee and Problem Workshops, New Business, and Planning. There won't be any special activities or social events planned for the Conference, however, numerous regular meetings and activities are easily accessible to Conference participants. It's my hope that someone from each of the forty-seven states and countries where meetings are held will be able to attend this Conference.

N.A., as we know it, started here in California, and for twenty years there were only a few groups elsewhere. In the last five years, however, islands of fellowship have surfaced and grown. Today we have strong, active groups in many places and N.A. is growing faster than it has ever before. This is the underlying reason for trying to get a "Conference System" going at this time. As long as we remain isolated clusters we'll keep re-experiencing the same problems which have always stunted our growth. If we can really get together in a united

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fellowship, work together to carry the message of recovery as it's never been carried before, be mutually supportive rather than separate or competitive; then we can see more growth in the next two or three years than we've seen in the last twenty-five. This is part of my dream for N.A.; maybe it's only that, but it makes me feel good to think that it can happen. I hope that each of you in your groups, your Areas, and your Regions will help make this dream a reality. I hope that you'll get behind this idea and do whatever is necessary to get your Delegate to Los Angeles in March. I dream of Narcotics Anonymous as a strong, united, vital, living, growing fellowship coming out of its infancy into its full potential.

Yours in fellowship,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Greg Pierce". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "G" and a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Greg Pierce
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