

March 18, 2020

Dear Area 74,

In AA we draw upon each other's experience, strength, and hope. Yet while dealing with a national pandemic unlike anything we have faced before, there is no experience and finding strength and hope can seem hard. I think of Bill's writing, *"I had needed and wanted God. There had been a humble willingness to have Him with me - and He came. But soon His presence had been blotted out by worldly clamors, mostly those within myself. And so it has been ever since. How blind I had been."*

Area 74 is confronting a situation never faced before; gatherings of more than 10 people banned by state law. With our assembly scheduled for a few weeks out decisions needed to be made and actions taken. Our area Delegate, Chair and other Area Officers and trusted servants met on a conference call to discuss options for Area 74. The conversation continuously returned to a primary concern of how to honor the traditions, include the fellowship, and be timely.

It was decided that on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Area 74 will host a Zoom meeting that will allow a discussion and report back of the Agenda Items for the General Service Conference. More details on how to participate in this virtual meeting will be included in the Area 74 Now & Then, our Area Website and through your DCM.

The Area 74 Assembly that was scheduled for April 4, 2020, will be postponed until the Spring Conference in May. If the same restrictions are in place at that time further discussion will happen regarding what best serves Area 74.

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