

Conference Leadership Team (CLT) Update

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The purpose and responsibility of the CLT is to prepare a World Service Conference agenda that facilitates the active voice and effective group conscience of our fellowship.

To accomplish this, the CLT began its planning work for the 2018 World Service Conference (WSC) immediately following the 2017 WSC. The Committee thoroughly reviewed all Conference evaluations.

Thank you to each Conference member who took the time to provide this valuable feedback. Input is essential in order for CLT to thoughtfully plan the next WSC agenda. The personal reflections and suggestions were very helpful and positive. Delegates especially enjoyed learning from each other while discussing chosen agenda items, engaging in break-out sessions and hearing Task Force presentations.

The 2018 World Service Conference theme has been selected:

| ENGLISH | FRENCH | SPANISH |
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| Al-Anon—There is no standing still! | Al-Anon—Il n'y a pas de place pour l'immobilisme! | Al-Anon—¡No hay razón para detenerse! |

This theme, an excerpt from a statement made by our co-founder Lois W., is both a reminder and a call to action for every member. Al-Anon must continue to grow if it is going to fulfill its primary purpose of reaching millions who need Al-Anon's help but are not yet aware of the existence of our fellowship.

The CLT has formed a Task Force for Translation Options at the WSC that will consider a member's request to provide translation at the WSC. This Task Force will explore the benefits and challenges of possibly providing translation to those Conference members whose first language is not English.

Although the 2018 Conference is months away, planning an agenda for a successful WSC is a year-long endeavor. The "World Service Handbook" reminds Area Delegates that they are to send any Conference items to be considered for the agenda to the WSO Associate Director—Conference. Suggestions of all Conference members and the membership-at-large are also carefully considered.

The CLT continues to plan for another dynamic WSC, being mindful of opportunities for Delegate participation. With Conference members' input, and careful planning by the CLT, the 2018 Conference agenda will truly reflect the active voice of our fellowship.

The six members of the CLT include the Chair and Co-Chair, both Trustees; the Chair of the Board of Trustees; the WSO Executive Director, Director of Programs and the

Associate Director—Conference (formerly titled Associate Director of Member Services—Conference).