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September 2021 COVID-19 Statement

If you are seeking information about specific NA events or meetings, the best source of information is the service committee responsible for hosting that event or meeting, or the local NA website. Local websites are listed in the window on the top left side of our Find a Meeting webpage, www.na.org/meetingsearch. We do our best to keep meeting and event information current, but the past year and a half has brought many changes, and we rely on members to keep us updated. Thank you!

It is not our role to advise groups on how to respond to the crisis, but we have put together a webpage (www.na.org/virtual) where you can find lists of virtual meetings and resources that are being utilized by NA groups around the world, including groups that are meeting virtually, those that are considering resuming in-person meetings, and hybrid meetings.

Booklets, pamphlets, and reading cards are available online in 56 languages at www.na.org/ips, and audio versions of the Basic Text are posted for free download or streaming in English, Arabic, Hebrew, Hungarian, Russian, Spanish, and Thai at www.na.org/audio. NA's books are available for purchase in e-formats in English (as well as Arabic, Hungarian, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish Basic Texts) from the links on www.na.org/elit.

All five locations of NAWS are still physically closed to the public, and with our diminished staff resources, we are not certain when it will be possible to reopen, and when we do, whether we will be able to resume tours of the office. However, all offices are processing orders and responding to communications.

The pandemic thrust World Services into a financial crisis. We had to furlough more than half of the staff at our Chatsworth office. We have been encouraging members to help support our services by committing to a monthly recurring contribution if possible www.na.org/give. Thank you to all who have answered the call. While our financial situation is beginning to improve slightly, it is going to take time and prudence to rebuild our capacities. We continue to provide a wide range of services, many of which are described in the videos posted on media page: www.na.org/media. Subscribe to *NAWS News* (www.na.org/nawsnews) for regular updates on our work: www.na.org/subscribe.

We encourage groups that are meeting in person or considering resuming in-person meetings to discuss options to provide safe environments for those who attend your meetings. For instance, groups may want to encourage members to wear masks and maintain social distancing. Groups may want to discontinue refreshments and consider alternatives to "circling up" at the end of the meeting. These are all things that have come to us as best practices from groups that are trying to reopen.

Your national or local public health agencies may have specific guidance regarding meetings and gatherings. We are aware of the guidelines and recommendations provided by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), <https://www.cdc.gov> and there are similar agencies in countries outside of the USA. The World Health Organization (WHO) may also be a resource <https://www.who.int>.

Over the course of the last year, NA members and groups have worked hard around the world to ensure the message is carried no matter what. Our support for one another continues to be a source of hope and optimism even with all that we are facing. Thank you for all you do for NA.

We hope that everyone will continue to be safe during these difficult times!

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