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To regions and zones:

As you have heard, Conference participants came to a consensus to postpone the next World Service Conference until 2023 in the hopes that we will be able to meet in person at that time. The WSC will convene for a partial, interim, virtual meeting in 2022 to make decisions that are required by law and policy, as well as to decide on the Spiritual Principle a Day book, but the conference cycle this time will be three years, ending when the 2023 meeting closes.

You can read the text of the recent motions passed by participants on www.na.org/conference. That page also contains two recommendation reports from the World Board that contain more details about plans for the conference. We are writing to you now about one aspect of these decisions: term limits. As we have reported, we will be asking participants to extend the terms of the world-level trusted servants that are due to expire in 2022 for one year. Six world-level trusted servants have terms that would expire in 2022: three board members, two members of the HRP, and one WSC Cofacilitator. It makes sense to us that they would stay in their positions for the for the length of the three-year cycle, to help maintain continuity and familiarity with the work of the cycle.

Experience has shown that continuity of trusted servants in a conference cycle helps to make the WSC more effective so we are encouraging regions and zones to consider making similar decisions related to the terms of their delegates and alternates. Of course, each region and zone is free to make its own decisions about trusted servant terms, but we are writing to explain the situation and to let you know what we will be recommending for World Services' trusted servants in case a similar decision makes sense for your service body.

The future of the WSC, after 2023, is something that participants will have to collectively decide. If no decision is made to the contrary, the next World Service Conference would take place in 2025, resuming the two-year cycle.

In this, as in all matters, we are happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have. The easiest way to get in touch is to email us at worldboard@na.org.

Thank you to everyone who has served NA during these challenging times.

Yours in service,
World Board