

**Registrar's Report to Area 53 Assembly
December 12, 2021**

In an effort to accurately reflect the meetings and groups that exist in our Area, we have initiated an effort to find those groups operating *only* virtually. The hope is that these groups can be invited to register as a New Group, and then they may be added to our Fellowship Connection database. Data was harvested from the Meeting Guide App, the Columbus Serenity website, and our Fellowship Connection database, where VIRTUAL group types were identified. So far, we have identified 37 virtual-only groups initiated in Area 53. We will do our best to reach out to these groups and invite them to complete the A.A. New Group Form.

Alt Registrar Brenda B. attempted to get a listing of virtual-only groups from the COGF, but it was not available to us.

Brenda has continued to provide monthly updates of Area 53 information to the COGF for publication in their *Conscience Contact* newsletter. I have also asked Brenda to begin sharing that same data with the other four group fellowship offices in our Area.

On November 3rd Brenda B. represented Area 53 at the General Service Office's quarterly Fellowship Connection Sharing Session on Zoom. Thank you Brenda for taking excellent notes on your experience.


An updated trifold with Area 53 information has been provided to the web admin team for publication on the Area 53 website CONTACT page. Also, an updated listing of all ACTIVE groups has been provided to the web admin team for publication on the website's group listing page, and district groups pages. Thank you web team for executing this BIG project! This was a big step in the transition from FNV to FC.

The Registrar's shop has been the thankful recipient of a Chromebook donation – thank you Ann B! This new tool will be used to help with onsite registration at our Area 53 service events.

Brenda and I have been involved in planning and executing Registration efforts for this event today. Thank you web admin team for again providing the online registration tool to Area 53 members.

November 19-21 I attended the East Central Regional Forum on Zoom. I left the Forum knowing A.A. will be OK going forward; A.A. is continuing to flourish and prosper!

Finally, the results of the Area 53 ad hoc Committee on Virtual-Only Group Registration, reported out to the assembly during its September gathering, has been offered to the General Service Office Conference Coordinator as a proposed agenda item for the upcoming 2022 General Service Conference. The proposal was forwarded to the trustee's Committee on the General Service Conference for discussion at their next meeting. Last update - the trustee's Committee on the General Service Conference met and decided to forward our proposal to the General Service Board's ad hoc committee exploring ways for virtual groups to participate in the U.S./Canada general service structure. This ad hoc committee was created as a result of an advisory action of the 2021 General Service Conference.

Respectfully,
Dan S.  Area 53 Registrar, Panel 71