

LBLBB GROUP HISTORY

Group Service number 00099429

The origins of the Line By Line Big Book Study Group (LBLBB) began in July of 2020, during the early stages of the COVID-19 lock down. Nearly all in-person meetings were closed down at that time. One alcoholic (Eric J.) began attending an on-line meeting at the recommendation of another alcoholic. That group was The Primary Purpose Group of Dallas, Texas.

Eric J. was intrigued by the line by line format of studying the Big Book and the educational nature of the meeting. There were no meetings of this type in Columbus Ohio and he felt that this type of meeting would be beneficial in carrying the message of recovery found in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous.

When in-person meetings began to reconvene in August of 2021, Eric's hope of starting a line-by-line group began to evolve. With the encouragement of other groups, including Thursday Night Welcome Group, which Eric was a secretary of, he started to move forward with the idea of starting a LBLBB study group at Ascension Lutheran Church. The church was interested in a new group starting as it had two recent vacancies from groups that had not survived the shutdown.

On April 5, 2022 meeting space was secured at Ascension Lutheran Church, 1479 Morse Rd. Columbus, OH 43229, where the group still meets at 7pm every Tuesday.

With generous donations from individuals in the fellowship, Big Books, study guides and a coffee pot were purchased.

On May 10, 2022, the inaugural meeting of the Line By Line Big Book Study was held with Eric J. (DOS 8/25/2017), co-founders Carol M. (DOS 1/1/2000) and Todd K. (DOS 12/28/2019) and 8 friends in the fellowship. The first Chairperson was Eric J. and the first Traditionalist was Carol M.

The format for LBLBB meeting is a comprehensive line by line study of the Big Book utilizing "The Primary Purpose Group Big Book Study Guide", prepared by Cliff B. and Myers R. of The Primary Purpose group of Dallas Texas.

The length of the service positions are through the cycle of the Big Book. As most members that attend LBLBB already have a Home Group, rather than having a group conscious the members have formed a steering committee that meets the needs of the group. At this time there has not been a nominee for a GSR, nor other service positions outside of the meeting. The meeting attendance began with an average of 8 attendees and currently averages 16.

Since the start of the first meeting, a second group has formed, meeting on Saturday nights at Ascension Lutheran Church and a sister meeting on Monday nights called the Delaware Big Book meeting. Although the format is similar they are each unique groups in their own way.

Submitted on May 28, 2025, by Jenifer T. on behalf of the LBLBB Meeting.