

## 2023 Conference Committee on Agenda

**ITEM A:** Review suggestions for the theme of the 2024 General Service Conference.

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### Background notes:

In the early years of the Conference (1951 through 1961) the theme of the Conference became defined following the Conference meeting itself, from taking a “sense of the meeting.”

Definite themes came into being beginning with the 1962 General Service Conference. We do not have documentation attesting to the selection of the topic or about the decision- making process at this time. However, letters mailed to speakers/presenters prior to the Conference reveal that a definite theme was selected, before the start of the Conference.

Conference theme and presentation topics revolve around basic principles of A.A. and can spark thought-provoking discussion at area and district meetings as well. Regions, areas and districts often incorporate discussion of these topics into workshops, meetings, pre-Conference assemblies, etc. This gives all A.A. members the opportunity to participate and become more informed about A.A.

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### Background:

1. Suggestions for 2024 Conference Theme
2. List of Conference Themes 1951-2023

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**Suggested Theme Topics for the 2024 Conference**

1. "Embracing Technology in Order To Help The New Alcoholic"
2. "Using Technology to Make a Better AA Today and Tomorrow"
3. "How Technology Can Better Help the Newcomer and the Fellowship"
4. Back to Basics- Love and Tolerance
5. The bright spot of our lives
6. The A.A. Group Conscience: Where Humility and Leadership Meet
7. "One Day at a Time" - A Daily Reprieve
8. The power in A.A.'s message
9. Grant us serenity
10. Service: The Heart of A.A.
11. Carrying the Message -- Our Vision for the Future
12. A.A. Unity: Mutual Love and Trust Begins with "We"
13. Participation is the Key to Harmony
14. Our Primary Purpose: Reaching the alcoholic who still suffers
15. The Changing Face of Alcoholics Anonymous
16. I am Responsible, my pledge to Recovery, Unity and Service
17. Tradition 4
18. Unity -- together in our diversity
19. Spot Check - How are we Doing?
20. UNITY: A WE PROGRAM

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21. The Conference Charter--Our Roadmap for the Conference Process
22. The Conference Charter--Our Roadmap for Checks and Balances
23. Making General Service Attractive
24. General Service Stepping it Up with the Steps
25. Focus on the action and not the result
26. A.A. Comes of Age, Again
27. The Conference Helps the General Service Board Take Its Inventory
28. Uniting After the Pandemic
29. Preserving the Message of Experience, Strength, and Hope
30. AA Moving beyond the disease.
31. "Opening the Doors to the Fellowship Ever Wider"
32. "Securing Our Future through Action and Love"
33. "A Message of Recovery on the Cutting Edge"
34. "A Spiritual Experience in the 21st Century"
35. "Bringing our Three Legacies Full Circle"
36. "Love and Tolerance, 12 Steps at a Time"
37. "We are Responsible"
38. "Fulfilling the Vision of Our Founding Fathers"
39. "From the First 100, to the Next 100"
40. "For All Who Wish to Recover"
41. "Breaking Down Barriers and Building Bridges"
42. Beyond our wildest dreams - technology and one on one solution for all generations
43. Modem-to-modem or face-to-face, AA's speak the language of the heart (in all its power and simplicity)

44. AA, a unified society of alcoholics

45. Returning to base: one alcoholic working with another suffering alcoholic

46. Accessibility and Inclusion - the fundamental mission of Alcoholics Anonymous

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**Themes of the General Service Conference 1951 – 2023**

- 2023 – A.A.'s Three Legacies – Our Common Solution
- 2022 – A.A. Comes of Age 2.0: Unified in Love and Service
- 2021 - A.A. in a Time of Change
- 2020 - 2020: A Clear Vision for You
- 2019 - Our Big Book – 80 Years, 71 Languages
- 2018 - A.A. – A Solution for All Generations
- 2017 - Supporting Our Future
- 2016 - Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions and Concepts
- 2015 - Celebrating 80 Years of Recovery, Unity and Service – The Foundation of Our Future
- 2014 - Communicating Our Legacies – Vital in a Changing World
- 2013 - The General Service Conference Takes Its Inventory – Our Solution in Action
- 2012 - Anonymity: Our Spiritual Responsibility in the Digital Age
- 2011 - We Are Responsible for A.A.'s Future – Let It Begin With Us
- 2010 - Practicing A.A.'s Principles – The Pathway to Unity
- 2009 - Our Commitment to Carry A.A.'s Message – Enthusiasm and Gratitude in Action
- 2008 - Communication and Participation – The Key to Unity and Self-Support
- 2007 - Our 12<sup>th</sup> Step Responsibility – Are We Going to Any Length?
- 2006 - Sponsorship, Service and Self-Support in a Changing World
- 2005 - Basics of Our Home Group – Recovery, Unity and Service
- 2004 - Our Singleness of Purpose – The Cornerstone of A.A.
- 2003 - Living A.A.'s Principles Through Sponsorship
- 2002 - Sharing the Steps, Traditions and Concepts
- 2001 - Love and Service
- 2000 - Trusting Our Future to A.A. Principles
- 1999 - Moving Forward: Unity Through Humility
- 1998 - Our Twelfth Step Work
- 1997 - Spirituality – Our Foundation
- 1996 - Preserving Our Fellowship – Our Challenge
- 1995 - Pass It On – Our Three Legacies
- 1994 - Spirit of Sacrifice
- 1993 - A.A. Takes Its Inventory – The General Service Conference Structure
- 1992 - The A.A. Message in a Changing World
- 1991 - Sponsorship: Gratitude in Action
- 1990 - The Home Group – Our Responsibility and Link to A.A.'s Future
- 1989 - Anonymity – Living Our Traditions
- 1988 - Singleness of Purpose – Key to Unity
- 1987 - The Seventh Tradition – A Turning Point
- 1986 - A.A.'s Future – Our Responsibility

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1985 - Golden Moments of Reflection  
1984 - Gratitude – The Language of the Heart  
1983 - Anonymity – Our Spiritual Foundation 1982 - The Traditions – Our Way of Unity  
1981 - A.A. Takes Its Inventory  
1980 - Participation: The Key to Recovery  
1979 - The Legacies: Our Heritage and My Responsibility  
1978 - The Member and the Group – Recovery Through Service  
1977 - The A.A. Group – Where It Begins  
1976 - Sponsorship – Our Privilege and Responsibility  
1975 - Unity Through Love and Service  
1974 - Understanding and Cooperation – Inside and Outside A.A.  
1973 - Responsibility – Our Expression of Gratitude  
1972 - Our Primary Purpose  
1971 - Communication: Key to A.A. Growth  
1970 - Service – The Heart of A.A.  
1969 - Group Conscience Guides A.A.  
1968 - Unity Vital to A.A. Survival, Growth  
1967 - Sponsorship – The Hand of A.A.  
1966 - Principles and Responsibility  
1965 - More Effective Ways to Use Tools of Service  
1964 - Sharing  
1963 - Our Common Welfare  
1962 - One Primary Purpose  
1961 - Working and Growing Together  
1960 - Need for Improved Internal and External Communications  
1959 - Confidence – Absence of Fear of the Future  
1958 - Promise and Progress  
1957 - Stability and Responsibility Without Complacency  
1956 - Petition, Appeal, Participation and Decision -Principles of A.A. Service  
1955 - A.A. Had Truly Come of Age  
1954 - Self-confidence and Responsibility  
1953 - On the Threshold of Maturity  
1952 - Progress – Humility and Unity  
1951 - Genuine Faith – It Begins as an Experiment and Ends as an Experience

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**ITEM B:** Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2024 General Service Conference.

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**Background:**

1. List of 2024 Conference presentation/discussion topic ideas
2. List of Conference presentation/discussion topics recommended by Conference 1985-2023

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