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"The purpose of District 26 Unity Council is to educate AA Groups and the public on AA Principles and promote harmony among AA Groups thru the practice of A.A.'s 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts. We are a fellowship of alcoholics from different Groups within the District that encourage participation and service."

District 26 Unity Council will next meet Saturday February 20 at 10:00 am at Whittemore Methodist, 110 North St. Whittemore, MI

District 26 INFO-Line is doing well, getting people to their first AA Meeting and getting out of towners to a meeting in a town strange to them. Also, an occasional 12th Step. Thank you to all the volunteers. You are doing a great job.

How is your Home Group? Are there people stepping up to chair, make coffee, set up, tear down, and give open talks when asked? There is a whole boatload of information in the pamphlet, The AA Group, where it all begins. Group Conscience, Group Inventory, how the AA Group fits into the AA Service Structure, and so much more. Some Groups have taken it upon themselves to study the pamphlet. You can see it and even print a copy at [P-16 - The A.A. Group ... where it all begins](#). Makes a super study piece. My old Home Group took 4 weeks to go thru the pamphlet. "It's Just a thought."

For up to date AA Meetings and Current events, go to dist26aa@gmail.com

Yours in service *A E Newman*

STEP TWO: Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

Therefore, Step Two is a rallying point for all of us. Whether agnostic, atheist, or former believer, we can stand together on this step. True humility and an open mind can lead us to faith, and every AA meeting is an assurance that God will restore us to sanity if we rightly relate ourselves to Him. *12&12 pg. 33*

TRADITION TWO: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Where does AA get its direction? Who runs it? This too is a puzzler for every friend and new member. These practical folk then read Tradition Two and learn that the sole authority is a loving God as He may express Himself in the group conscience. they commence to watch us with speculative eyes, pick up a fragment of AA history, and soon have the solid facts. *12&12 pg. 132*

Concept TWO: The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in world affairs.

But if the groups were to carry on their primary purpose, they would have to delegate their leadership role to a General Service Conference. They do this by electing a General Service Representative for each group. These GSRs meet regularly in area assemblies and every two years elect a delegate from among their number. Every April, the delegates from the 91 areas in the US and Canada meet for six days with the trustees of the General Service Board, the staffs of the General service Office and the A.A. Grapevine and other service workers. Thus, this General Service Conference of A.A. is "the actual voice and effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs."

The 12 Concepts for World service illustrated