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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 19 at 10:00 am at Houghton Lake Alano 2410 N Markey Rd, Roscommon, Mi

Lots of events coming up:

Feb 6 CMIA at Perry Twp Hall, Perry MI

March 4-6 March Roundup Detroit MI

March 25 Mock Conference Mt Pleasant MI

May 20-22 NMIA Roundup Bellaire, MI

June 10-12 Founders Day, Akron, Ohio

What is a "Mock Conference"? Ask your current or past Delegate and they will tell you it is your opportunity to inform your Delegate and the other 2 Michigan Delegate what your opinion is on the Agenda Items that they will be voting on at this year's General Service Conference. You can register via the link on your website www.dist26aa.org. There is no charge and lunch is provided.

"There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all arguments and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance—that principle is **contempt** prior to investigation."

Herbert Spencer

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