



# The Communicator

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## Step 11

Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscience contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

### **A Perspective on Step 11 ~ By Dominica A.**

As I approached the last two steps, I realized that my relationship with my Higher Power had grown strong as I worked the previous steps. I felt more awake. Aware. Conscious. Life was making more sense to me, and I could see the bigger picture. So when Step 11 came around, it wasn't difficult for me to improve my conscious contact with my Higher Power through meditation and prayer.

While in active addiction, my prayer life became virtually nil. Other than an occasional "God, please help me," I didn't pursue any type of spiritual path. But when I finally succumbed to asking for help, I began an inner spiritual quest for truth, peace, love, and joy. Somehow I just knew that I could experience those things if I consciously walked a spiritual path.

### **Spiritual Journeys Differ**

What works for me spiritually may not work for others, and that's all right. To me, there's no right or wrong; it's about experience.

I developed a daily spiritual practice that was working for me. In Step 11, I took the opportunity to deepen my conscious contact through meditation and prayer. I wanted to put my faith in something greater than myself. I wanted to grow my relationship with my Higher Power and myself. I'd felt alone quite enough in my life. A Higher Power meant that I never had to feel alone again.

I adopted a meditation practice to gain some control over my thought life and journey deep inside myself. I began talking to my Higher Power and getting out into nature to experience a great peace and joy. I read books and listened to audios that encouraged my spiritual journey. All of these things help me stay centered and lead me to walk a path that not only improves my life experience, but others' experience as well.

I'm a firm believer that my emotional breakdown due to my addictions was really just the platform for my spiritual awakening. My perspective on life changed and continues to change. I don't sweat the small stuff much anymore. I look at the bigger picture and my larger purpose in life.

Whether you believe in a Higher Power or not, we can probably all agree that Love is the highest power around. In Step 11, even an atheist could get in better contact with Love, embrace Love, and let that Love ooze out into humanity. After all, I feel like that's really what we all want deep down: unconditional Love from others and ourselves.

**District I Monthly Meeting - Zoom  
October 8, 2020**

**Attendance**

**DCM:** Bill D.  
**Alt. DCM:** Steve R. (not present)  
**Secretary:** JeriLyn K. (not present)  
**Treasurer:** Kimberly S.  
**Newsletter:** Kimberly S.  
**Grapevine:** Mary B.  
**Corrections** Adam-Men /Brenda -Women  
**Bridging the Gap:** Marian K.  
**PI/CPC:** Linda S. (not present)  
**Archives:** Jeff E.  
**Accessibilities:** Bruce K  
**Webmaster:** Dean H.  
**District Events:** Lauren P. /Lloyd Z.

**Introductions and GSR's reports:**

*William W., Eye Opener, 10:00 am Saturday, St. Matthew's Church* - Meeting has access to big hall and other rooms to keep capacity to a certain size per governor orders for cold weather. Meeting is having good attendance and will stay outside as weather permits.

*Kathy B, Early Birds, 7:30 am, Sunday, 218* - Meetings continue to have good consistent attendance and will be on Zoom only until next year for sure!

*Donna Y., Letting Go, Thursday 1pm, 218 club* - Had some donations that we would like to give. Will give to 218 club and Central Office.

*Becky K., Walk with Us, 9:30 am, Thursday, The Bridge* - Attendance is consistent 12-20 people. We meet outside when we can but it's getting cold. The masks issue was a problem and people wanted to take their mask off when speaking but the group voted no.

*Bruce K. , 9:30am Sunday at The Bridge, - Meeting going well.*

*Darsey S., Women in the Present, 8pm, Thursday, St. Norbert Abbey* – We have decided to remain on Zoom and the Abbey is not reopening until 2021.

*Lynn R., Road to Recovery, 5:30, Monday, 218 Club* – We remain on Zoom and attendance is slim. Please help get the word out there that the Zoom meeting is occurring.

*Lauren/Events:* I checked into a movie and it was much to expensive. Maybe we can do a campfire at Barkhausen. Lauren will investigate this.

**Bill/DCM –**

I attended the Fall Conference on Sep 12 -13 via Zoom. Attendance was strong with several districts having a strong attendance by their GSR's. In the future, I hope our GSR's will attend conferences. A good portion of the discussion involved how to make the assembly more attractive to GSR's as they are the voice of the groups they represent. Our delegate gave her annual report. We elected a new Area Chair/Alt delegate. There were two nominees for the position. Brian B./District 05 and Bill L./District 12. Brian B. was elected via our AA voting procedure which ended by going to the hat. Sunday, we set the agenda for the fall assembly that will be held via Zoom on Oct. 24. You will receive a pdf of the Area Budget report and Annual General Service Conference Report.

I have been attending the monthly Area 74 DCM call. Our discussion was centered around two things. First, the third concept as we are trying to have a unified understanding of exactly how we should be fulfilling our service positions, the way they were intended to be conducted. Second, we discussed ideas on how strong districts could help dark districts become active. Currently, we have six inactive (dark) districts. We discussed the possible sponsorship of a dark district by a nearby strong district. I'll provide more information on this in the future. We should all be proud of the service being performed in District I because there are several districts with many open chair positions.

Last, I want to thank Dean H. for stepping up to grab the bull by the horns to get our website up and running. Dean will provide an update at the meeting. We will be looking for motions to shuffle some chair positions at meeting, so please plan on attending - your input is important!

Secretary's report from Sep: Meeting minutes approved. Treasurer report from Sep: Report approved.

*Newsletter:* October newsletter emailed out. Email Kimberly S. with any corrections or suggestions. Printing came out fine and Bill D. will distribute to 218, Bridge and Central Office.

*Corrections (Men):* The responders have been great! We just did not have many letters come in this past month. No one is allowed in the jail unless it is an emergency, and someone is in deep crisis. The jail is overwhelmed with visitors right now (attorneys, etc.). We started the letter project so AA could continue to have contact with men and women in jail who would we normally visit.

The current process is – a person in jail writes a letter and give it to the Corrections Officer. Adam or Brenda pick them up and they get delivered to the Central Office. We have a few volunteers who pick them up and write back. This program is for longer term and short-term inmates and there are no restrictions, Men and Women can participate. This program will be eliminated when we can get back into the jails. When a member picks up the letter, it may not be from the same inmate. This way, the messages remain fresh coming from multiple members. Please call the Central Office to see if there are letters to be picked up before driving over to see if there are letters.

*Corrections (Ladies):* Nothing more to add to Adam's report.

*Accessibilities:* Access to Zoom meetings through the District I website. Still working on which type of accessibilities we need. I'll update when I have this information. This was discussed at the Area level. Joe hooked them up with a CA group to discuss sign language. New York and some ideas as well.

*Archives:* Nothing to report. I've been helping with the pen pal and visits. I also reached out to Dean offering help.

*Bridging the Gap:* No new updates. Please be sure to use the envelopes with pre-embossed stamps on it or it will not be accepted.

*Grapevine:* Has a new book titled "Not matter What..." A group of stories for AA members in these difficult times.

*PI/CPC Report:* not present but she sent an update. DCM will bring this up under old business.

*Webmaster: Green Bay AA – Website/Domain Name & Hosting Package*

*Note:* All accounts including google domain greenbayaa were controlled by Sam who has now been removed.

Webmaster report cont...

Process began Sep. 19

- Asked by Bill (DCM) to create a new website
- Deb p gained access to domain name via google domains
- Started researching new host companies & website building software on 9/19
- Opened GreenGeeks account on 9/27. Lite hosting plan (\$106.20 for 3-year term). Price increases for renewal.
- Initiated domain transfer on 9/28 to re-claim the greenbayaa domain name. I was able to generate an EPP code to begin the transfer process.
- Took active outdated website off the air on 9/28
- Started building new website on 9/28 using green geeks drag and drop site builder
- New barebones website went live on 9/29
- Content and functionality of website is being added/update on an ongoing basis
- Purchased the AAGREENBAY.ORG domain name as a contingency plan if transfer failed. Cost \$13.95 per year. GREENBAYAA.ORG domain name successfully transferred to GreenGeeks on 10/2

District 01 now controls website, hosting & domain name.  
Domain name transfer/registration cost \$23.90 for 1 year

### Task List for October

- Continue to add content to website and enhance functionality
  - Hoping to add a more interactive meeting list with search/map capability
  - Create documentation/manual for managing website and content
- Add officers to GreenGeeks account to assure access if some happens to current webmaster.

### Old Business:

Discuss radio ads that were placed on hold until the website and app could be updated. Were other options discussed before deciding on radio ads? For example, print, billboard, Facebook ads, Google ads, etc? Would like to be certain we are reaching the alcoholic using the most effective method. Discussion about having Linda look into buying Google and Facebook ads to check on pricing. We no longer do bus ads because they tripled in price. Lynn – I receive FB Green Bay Crime Reports and they post HA and NA meeting lists for free! Place copies in treatment centers, probation offices, Libertas, etc. Approved radio ads on hold and have Linda obtain pricing on Google and Facebook ads. Also see if Green Bay Crime Reports to post AA meeting list and see if they have other ideas.

### New Business:

1. Need to discuss, motion and vote on the following positions:
  - Dean becoming webmaster and meeting list Chairperson.
  - Kimberly becoming Newsletter Chairperson. Kimberly will continue until a new treasurer can be found.
2. Discussion on how District will cover back up for key positions.
3. Discuss transition for new Chairpersons for training to ensure a smooth transition for the next Chairperson. Possibly change length of terms. (Tabled until next month)
4. DCM sharing informing from Area 74 to the GSR's and Chairpersons (would like to confirm my understanding of flow and current information at Area 74 level).
5. Updates by Central Office on hotline. How does it work and was is the backup plan? Bruce will send over how it works.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

**Next meeting December 10, 2020 at 6:30pm on Zoom.**