



Chair Report for Assembly – November 2015

Remember when the Region Chairs Committee met, then attended our November Assembly in Merrillville last year? This report is being written several weeks ahead of Assembly, as I'm about to take a 'trip of a lifetime'. By the grace of God (my HP) and the power of this Fellowship, I will be attending the Region Chairs Committee meeting, as well as the Region 10 Assembly & Convention in Brisbane, Australia October 13-18. (Surrounding this service, my husband and I have planned some vacation time.) I am excited to bring you experience, strength and hope from our Region 10 family in November.

Thank you to Louisville Metro Intergroup for their hospitality when we brought the July Assembly to their backyard!

A big THANK YOU to our hosting Intergroups – Chicago Suburban Southwest, Chicago West Intergroup Far-out, Suburban North, Turning Point, and Northwest Indiana – for an awesome weekend of recovery at the recent Region 5 Convention! We had about 400 in attendance from near and far....great speakers, good hugs, an abundance of raffle items, some awesome dancing....a time of wonderful fellowship. I experienced TRANSFORMATION – did you?

And will we see you in Detroit for the 2016 Region 5 Convention September 16-18?

I am excited that we have a candidate for Vice Chair; I'm also grateful we have someone willing to serve as Region 5 Trustee. Yet....as of this writing we have NO candidates for Region Secretary. *Yes*, it is a 2 year service commitment; *yes*, it does come with responsibility. And *yes*, it does require organization, email, PC skills, and some of your time. Unlike other 'jobs' in the world however, you are not alone. *We do the best we can with what we have on any given day to the best of our ability.* I hope those who meet the qualifications for Region office will keep praying and talking with your sponsor; we can accept your application on Saturday morning at Assembly.

I hope you took the time to complete the Region 5 Inventory survey; we will spend some time on Saturday afternoon at Assembly reviewing results and determining our next steps/action plan based on the results.

In August, I presented a Tools workshop for the Bluegrass Intergroup in Lexington, KY. I also attended a joint Region Chairs / Trustees meeting in Albuquerque. We worked on the next Strategic Plan (2017-2019) with an overall focus of “keeping OA strong worldwide”. The Region Chairs worked on the 2016 Forum and our big project “service body building” (a working title). Stay tuned for more!

Please continue to pray for those who face health/life/family/abstinence challenges in our Region...collectively our prayers strengthen each other and our Fellowship.

Thank you family... for the opportunity to serve God and our fellows in this trusted servant role...*I am very blessed by you.* ☺

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Region 5 Chair
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