

## **OUTGOING CHAIR REPORT – June 28, 2020**

Hello my friends,

Our Spring Assembly seems like a long time ago now. So much about life as we know it has changed. All over Region 5 and the world, meetings and Intergroups and Service Boards have adapted and have started having meetings in the virtual world. This has been a great platform to overcome the necessity to isolate because it allows members to stay connected with our fellows. It has been so wonderful to have people from all over the world in our meetings and to attend meetings that originate from groups in other parts of the world. Another bonus is that now we can have speakers from all over the world sharing their experience, strength, and hope with us also. The physical boundaries of location do not apply in the virtual world.

Our Intergroup reps continue to give service. The Region 5 Convention Committee is meeting virtually and working to make this year's convention a wonderful event. Have you pre-registered for the convention at Region5OA.org? Have you made plans to join in with the Each One Reach One committee to Plaster the Posters in your area on the weekend of July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>? The information and links to the posters for this event are in your June 13<sup>th</sup> email from Joel. Please check it out and join the Plaster the Poster Party! Have you heard from a member of the nominating committee asking you to consider applying for the position of Region 5 Treasurer or Region 5 Chair? If not, please consider giving Lynn a call and let her know that you would are interested in learning more about these positions. The Intergroup to Intergroup committee is working on scheduling more workshops in Region 5 to share ideas about strengthening Intergroups. Please read the reports from all the committees and learn how you can help to carry the message of recovery.

I know that Eileen will serve this fellowship very well as the Region 5 Chair and I am thankful for her willingness to step into this position. Moving forward, I look forward to serving this fellowship as a General Service Trustee. I am humbled, and frankly baffled, to have been appointed to this position. With God's help, I will do my best to serve this wonderful fellowship that has enriched my life so much. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your Region 5 Chair! I look forward to seeing you at the convention in October.

Respectfully submitted, CJ M. – Outgoing Region 5 Chair