

The District View

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District 5 Meetings

Second Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.

1412 6th Street E

Menomonie, WI

Zoom ID: 716-081-9669 Password: 300255

The District Meeting is where you can serve AA.

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The newcomer and online meetings

Has your group found effective techniques for newcomers? Let your fellow AAs know how by submitting your story to thedistrictview@gmail.com.

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5th Tradition: Each group has but one primary purpose - to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

'The unique ability of each AA to identify himself with, and bring recovery to, the newcomer in no way depends upon his learning, eloquence or on any special individual skills. The only thing that matters is that he is an alcoholic who has found a key to sobriety.'

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Whatever we think of what we find there, attendance at our first AA meeting can be a vivid experience. The noise. The smell of coffee and, at one time, cigarettes. Chairs being dragged around. Someone bounding toward us with an outstretched hand.

It's difficult to imagine what that first-time experience is like online. What can be done to wrap the online newcomer in enough AA to give them that hint of hope? Has your meeting

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Step 8 Made a list of persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.



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Tradition 8 Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

News from AA districts, area and General Service Office

- ♥ Read what some groups are doing as they face the difficulties of on-line versus in-person meetings in the July [District 5's committee's minutes](#).
- ♥ Here's [the latest from Area 74](#), the AA area that includes District 5.
- ♥ AA's General Service Office in New York is [wrestling with the consequences of the pandemic](#). Read about the GSO response in the current edition of the organization's newsletter: [Box 4-5-9](#)
- ♥ There are several trustee and non-trustee positions open with AA World Service, some beginning in 2021. [Requirements and other information are available here](#).
- ♥ The [2020 International Convention, a Virtual Experience](#) continues at <https://2020convention.aa.org>.
- ♥ To keep up with the location of meetings in the district as well as information on which meetings you can attend online, be sure to visit district05.org. The district web site is also where you can find information about the district officers, general service representatives and contact information for committee chair persons.

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found answers?

All of us who have moved to online meetings know the connection to other AAs is more tenuous, even with those we've known for years. There's not the opportunity to pull someone aside and have that conversation about a resentment, hurt feelings or bout of anger that inevitably resolve with an AA principle.

A kind member can let a newcomer know there's nothing to figure out about those mysterious AA principles and slogans. All he or she needs to do is come again.

There's even the simple constraint of getting yourself to a meeting: Having made it to a church basement somewhere, it's somewhat easier to just sit down than to try to escape. Leaving an online meeting is darn easy.

Conversely, it might be easier to put a toe into AA by attending an online meeting. For some, hearing attendees' stories can be the hook to come back, but is it enough?

Should we list phone numbers on the screen? Can someone volunteer to meet after the session? Should there be newcomer-only sessions?

All of us have showered a newcomer with our stories and phone numbers only to never see them again. But we really never know if something that newcomer saw or heard eventually brings them back to the fellowship. What can an online meeting do to provide that special appeal?

Debbie F.



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