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Dear Delegates:

Thank you for your continuing questions and concerns regarding the manuscript litigation. We very much look forward to the time when we can provide a report on the lawsuit details, as we are charged to do when we act on the delegated authority we are given. We know how essential this is to sustain the mutual trust that allows us to care for each other, our service corporations, and our Fellowship as a whole.

As you may know, our counsel recently filed a motion to dismiss with a memorandum of law, as required by New York law. The Judge has set an appearance date for February 21. This was the earliest date he would give us. When this matter comes to its conclusion will be the time for sharing, and I look forward to that time. I appreciate the frustration that some have experienced because of the suspended dialogue, and ask for patience while these matters resolve. It is only because the matter is still in process that a full discussion has to wait.

At the heart of our deliberations have been the principles which provide the spiritual foundation for our groups and our service entities. In addition to the Traditions, the Twelve Concepts have also been elemental, as these lay out our delegated responsibility, authority, and rights as we move through this challenging process. The Concepts recognize that the General Service Board and A.A. World Services, as corporations, are integrated into, guided by, and responsible to the General Service Conference. As a part of this structure, the trustees have also been charged with final legal responsibility for corporate administration; a responsibility we try to carry out with great care.

Please remember that the majority of the trustees are members of the Fellowship. All of us, whether Class B or A, strive to live by and be guided by the 36 principles. We strive to make decisions in accordance with these principles and in accordance with our fiduciary duties under New York nonprofit law.

We will never perform our duties perfectly, but we do it to the best of our abilities and with a profound love for A.A. We are grateful to hear from members who wish to express their concerns.

Wishing you a sober, serene and enjoyable holiday season.



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