

GOALS OF SESSION:

- Raise members' awareness of the project and opportunities for involvement.
- To gather source material for the development of the book.
- Work through the session profile with others who will do this in their home communities.

On tables are Pens, Brainstorming Guidelines, Ground Rules, and Facilitator's Guides

LEADER WILL PROVIDE A SESSION SETUP**15 MINUTES****Background and Introduction to the Project**

- The project plan for this book length piece was adopted at WSC 2008 but has been an item on the "literature wish list" since 1983. This project remained on the back burner until other literature priorities were completed.
- This book will allow us to include many of the ideas gathered from the fellowship over the years regarding new literature. While this book will not be able to capture all of the ideas submitted, it will touch on relationships, spirituality, living with success, dealing with challenges, health/illness, practicing principles in our daily lives, etc.
- In order to realize the vision for the book we need input from our members. We are seeking examples of practical application of the tools of recovery, some real boots on the ground experience, things we hear that positively affect our recovery and the results of applying the principles.
- Many of us have had the experience of finding new things in our recovery literature or when re-listening to a speaker tape; this is an indication of the change taking place within us as our spirits continue to grow and change.
- We want this book to sound like us in much the same way that the Basic Text speaks to us, a lofty goal to be sure, but one that is attainable if we all work to contribute to the project.
- As with any literature development process, the beginning of this process is the best time to offer input which may affect the overall scope of the book.
- The project plan calls for periods of review and input, the first set of review and input will contain the first chapter and an outline for the remainder of the book. As a reminder, at this point we are seeking source material rather than

review/evaluation. The deadlines for input on these sections will be clearly printed on each page of the draft material.

- The APPROVAL FORM of the book will be released in April 2011. Approval requires a 2/3 vote of the Regional Delegates at the World Service Conference in 2012.

REVIEW AND RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONS

40 MINUTES

In a small groups, have a discussion centered on the assigned topic from the outline. The recorders should listen for the emotional connection of our members' experience not the clichés we hear at meetings. We are not trying to make a bulleted list. This is a way of gathering additional source material for the book. Rather than try to address the entire outline we'll focus on specific chapter(s) and the general topic it is designed to address.

Alternately, the session could be structured to have a writing session where members individually respond to the questions in written form to offer as input for the project.

Icebreaker

5 minutes

Have the members of the small groups introduce themselves to one another and offer an interesting detail about themselves that others don't know.

SMALL GROUP

35 MINUTES

Describe a crucial moment in your recovery related to the topic on the note sheets at your table.

What did you learn?

What do you wish someone had shared with you?

What surprised you about the experience?

Keep in mind those moments can occur as a result of great catastrophes or great blessings, during instances of success/failure or as a moment of awareness that shifts our view about our recovery.

REPORTS BACK FROM THE SMALL GROUPS**30 MINUTES**

Once time has expired, facilitate a discussion about the groups' work, addressing one set of questions at a time.

- Allow the small groups to share one or two brief stories offered in the small group that had an impact on the rest of the group depending on number of groups/people.

CONCLUSION AND WRAP UP**5 MINUTES**

Here are some other avenues to offer personal input for this project:

Complete the survey at: <http://www.na.org/conference/LC/index.htm>

Send an email to: LivingClean@na.org

Or join us on the Discussion Boards, see www.na.org for more information

And, of course, fill out the notes page and turn it in to the facilitators at some point or mail to:

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