

# Basic Text Project Update

## Are you reviewing???

The review-and-input draft of the Sixth Edition Basic Text was released at the beginning of September. Have you received yours yet? If you haven't signed up to review the draft, it's not too late. You can log on to our website and sign up:

<http://www.na.org/conference/bt>

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## What's new in the draft?

The draft includes a new preface, a revised collection of personal experience, and an introduction to that part of the book. The collection of experience is divided into four sections, each beginning with several pages of shorter reflections from our members, sort of like the sharing at a topic meeting as opposed to the speaker-meeting type of sharing in the rest of the section. The longer pieces are each summarized in a short abstract that will also be included in the table of contents. This should make it easier for people who are looking for particular kinds of experience to find them more quickly. For background on the project, see the solicitation flier and other material on our website: <http://www.na.org/conference/bt>.

As we have reported earlier, we also have some ideas about revisions to the titles we use in the book. We are proposing that we drop the designations "Book One" and "Book Two." The page before Chapter One would be titled "Our Program," and the page after Chapter Ten would be titled "Our Members Share." We hope you'll give us your input on ideas such as this, in addition to telling us what you think of the new material itself.

In short, the draft takes a brand new approach, in some ways, to the idea of collecting our members' experience. We hope to reach out not just to newcomers but also to members who have been coming to NA for some time. The collection is international and attempts to paint a picture of NA's diversity.

## A work in progress

That said, we know there is more we could do to capture some of the diversity in our fellowship. In particular, there are some obvious geographic gaps in the material we are sending out. We are still working to collect experience, and we hope the approval draft (which will be voted on at the 2008 World Service Conference) will include some additional pieces. And because the collection functions together—it's not just a bunch of isolated, individual pieces, but a collection in the true sense of the word—there may be some pieces in the review draft that are not in the approval draft.

And it's not just the collection itself that is a work in progress. We are also still discussing questions such as what to call this part of the Basic Text ("Our Members Share"? "Our Stories"? or something else) and how to refer to the pages of shorter passages of sharing ("Reflections"? "Cameos"? "Vignettes"? or something else).



## Together we can

It's exciting for us to be moving into this collaborative phase of the project. The cover material for the review draft explains some of the background of the project and the areas where we are looking for your input. The questions included in the cover material are intended to be a helpful starting place, not to limit your thinking in any way. We welcome any input you have about the draft.

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**Please sign up and help us to spread the word.**

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## Important dates

- ❖ Now through February: Review and input period
- ❖ 28 February 2007: Deadline to send input
- ❖ September 2007: Approval draft published

