NORTH CAROLINA / BERMUDA AFG, INC.



## **Area Chairperson Letter**

April 9, 2023

Dear Group Representatives,

I am writing to invite you to participate in our Spring 2023 Assembly held virtually on May 20, 2023. You might be wondering why a virtual assembly when COVID-19 is mostly in our rearview mirror.

Our Area believes in rotation of the Assembly hosted by different districts. District 9 and District 3 hosted Assemblies in 2022. For Spring Assembly 2023, although we found a wonderful church location in Burlington, due to graduations we were not able to find hotel rooms nearby for our participants. Since lack of accommodation would deter some of our attendees who do not live close to Burlington, we had to make a decision in the spirit of Unity. We accept things we cannot change (university graduations), and change what we can (our Assembly format). Rest assured, Districts 5, 6, and 4 are hosting (inperson) the remaining Assemblies for our Panel.

We are grateful that we have had the experience of completely virtual Assemblies during the pandemic. We have important Area business topics to discuss and we need to hear from you. We are grateful in advance for your participation in it.

**<u>Registration for Assembly</u>**: Please click on the link below to sign up to attend the Spring Assembly. The cost of virtual attendance is \$10 per Al-Anon GR and \$5 per Alateen GR. Please indicate if you are a voting attendee or a non-voting attendee.

## https://form.jotform.com/230980118379159

**Registration closes on Monday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:59PM.** Please make sure to register before the registration link deactivates. On Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup> those who have registered will be sent the zoom link to the Spring Assembly by your District Representative. This zoom link is *different from* the Friday Night Speaker Meeting Zoom provided below.

**Background Materials:** Along with this letter I am sending the agenda for the Assembly, background materials for your review. Please plan to review the materials in preparation for the Assembly. Additionally, the Assembly folder (indicated on the agenda) will be populated with more documents two weeks prior to the Assembly.

As always, we will have a Friday Night Speaker Meeting at 7PM on May 19<sup>th</sup> ; zoom info:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89833562695?pwd=ZFdPR1MvbnFLaXIyck1QRTBNdEpCZz09

For iPads: Meeting ID: 898 3356 2695 Passcode: Serenity

For phone attendees: 646 931 3860 Meeting ID: 898 3356 2695 Passcode: 73678145

**Zoom Hints:** In case you have not attended virtual assemblies before, here are some helpful hints:



When you get into the zoom meeting, please rename yourself as *Voting(V) or Non-voting(NV) – District Number – FirstName – LastName or LastInitial* "V # FirstName LastInitial" (e.g. "V 5 Anu B") or "NV # FirstName LastInitial" (e.g. "NV 7 Anne O")

If you run into any tech issues, you can approach anyone whose name has (Co-Host) or (Host) on it. We will be happy to help you.

Your Area World Service Committee (AWSC), comprised of Officers, Coordinators, District Representatives and Past Delegates, has been hard at work in between Assemblies. We have Thought Forces working on Area Assembly Wi-Fi Needs, Consideration of Electronic Meetings into Area Structure, Friday Night Fellowship before Assembly. We have Task Forces working on Assembly Guidelines, Google Drive Usage, and Policies & Practices Handbook. Additionally, we are revising several of our guidelines and documents from convention guidelines to reimbursement.

The AWSC members join me in welcoming you to our virtual Spring 2023 Assembly. We look forward to seeing you on zoom!

Yours in Service, Anu B. Area Chairperson (chairperson@ncbermudaafg.org)