

Summary of Special Meeting - DCMs - Discuss our options for 2020 Area Assembly & Preassemblies - Sunday, May 31 (via Zoom)

The Area Chairperson, Heather, emphasized goals of (1) ensuring health and safety of members and (2) maximizing group participation.

Preassemblies

1. We must be in Phase 4 to gather for preassembly
2. A majority of attendees expressed the desire/necessity/comfort level/etc. for their preassemblies to be virtual/via Zoom.
3. Each district grouping needs to decide based on mandates within their county, venue size + their/district's comfort level with in person events. Work with the districts you are grouped with come to a group conscience amongst yourselves.
4. It is very likely ALL preassemblies this August will be via Zoom/Virtual.
5. DCM suggested working with their GSRs to have smaller groups (5 or less) paired with more "experienced" district trusted servants and those smaller groups zooming in together for preassembly/assembly – that way GSRs get the extra support and help they will need.

Preassemblies – How to setup the Zoom meeting?

1. District Groupings must decide BEFORE July Area Quarterly (ideally by 7/1) and advise Eddy (webmaster@area72aa.org) & Heather (chairperson@area72aa.org) what time you would like to have zoom meeting setup for and Eddy/Area will setup the zoom meeting for you to add to your flier.
2. Eddy/Heather and other Area folks will act as hosts for these Zoom Preassemblies.
3. Please have all fliers ready to go (emailed to committee@area72aa.org – to spread the word, webmaster@area72aa.org – to be added to area website , newsletter@area72aa.org – to be added to area newsletter and to languagechair@area72aa.org for translation if your preassembly will be interpreted into Spanish)





October Assembly

1. Options for October Assembly we are considering – In-person in Lynden, Zoom and "Hybrid" (in person and zoom happening concurrently).
2. Basics about the 2020 October Assembly – it is an election year, currently we have no motions on the assembly agenda (this could change depending on the July Quarterly), all normal assembly activities can be handled in all three format options.
3. Basics about Lynden Venue - \$1000 deposit has been paid, there is a possibility this will not be refunded if we cancel. Venue can seat 700-800 people (not social distancing). Unknown at this time how many attendees could attend if social distancing is required. Unknown at this time if the Wi-Fi package offered by Lynden Fairgrounds can accommodate the "Hybrid" solution. Unknown at this time how meals/coffee will be handled as it is unknown at this time what the requirements will be at time of assembly.

4. We must be in Phase 4 to gather for assembly.
5. Concerns/Comments raised:
 - a. Whatcom County will likely be in Phase 4 before the higher population counties. Should we be asking ourselves how responsible is it of our Area to bring 700-800 people into Whatcom County – a majority from King & Pierce Counties – at this time?
 - b. Even if we are in Phase 4 near assembly date, it doesn't mean that if there is an outbreak in Whatcom County that they could move back down to a lower Phase.
 - c. There are a number of potential attendees who have underlying health concerns. We will likely lose many attendees because of this.
 - d. Microphones – those hold bacteria –if meeting in person, how do we protect ourselves?
 - e. Don't want to be in a room full of people I can't hug or sit near.
 - f. Hybrid options – like giving people the option, but concerns about equal participation/experience for those in person v. via Zoom.
 - g. Finances - of course money should never be the only reason decisions are made... a number of groups/districts have seen 7th tradition contributions decline or even cease in the past few months. Zero cost to attendees for Zoom option.
6. Took a poll of the 78 attendees on the zoom meeting. 63% said they WOULD NOT attend an in-person assembly, 37% said they WOULD attend an in-person assembly.
7. Asking all those who would normally attend the assembly – Area Committee (Area Appointed & Electeds, DCMs/Alternates, GSRs/Alternates, Past Delegates) as well as interested AA members who attend because they can and want to – to answer a couple questions in our online questionnaire by July 20th.
 - a. English Version: <https://area72aa.org/assembly-questionnaire-english/>
 - b. Spanish Version: <https://area72aa.org/cuestionario-de-la-asamblea-espanol/>
8. Decision will be made by July 27th what format October Area Assembly will be in.

Washington's Safe Start 4 Phase Plan published May 1, 2020

***Please note, this is still an evolving plan and will likely continue to change as Washington opens back up.

WASHINGTON'S PHASED APPROACH Modifying Physical Distancing Measures as we Reopen the State				
	 Phase 1	 Phase 2	 Phase 3	 Phase 4
High-Risk Populations*	Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy	Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy	Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy	Resume public interactions, with physical distancing
Recreation	Some outdoor recreation (hunting, fishing, golf, boating, hiking)	Outdoor recreation involving 5 or fewer people outside your household (camping, beaches, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outdoor group rec. sports activities (50 or fewer people) - Recreational facilities at <50% capacity (gyms, public pools, etc.) - Professional sports without audience participation (horseracing, baseball, etc.) 	Resume all recreational activity
Gatherings (social, spiritual)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None - Drive-in spiritual service with one household per vehicle 	Gather with no more than 5 people outside your household per week	Allow gatherings with no more than 50 people	Allow gatherings with >50 people
Travel	Essential travel and limited non-essential travel for Phase I permissible activities	Essential travel and limited non-essential travel for Phase I & II permissible activities	Resume non-essential travel	Continue non-essential travel
Business/Employers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Essential businesses open - Existing construction that meets agreed upon criteria - Landscaping - Auto/RV/boat/ORV sales - Retail (curb-side pick-up orders only) - Car washes - Pet walkers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remaining manufacturing - Additional construction phases - In-home/domestic services (nannies, housecleaning, etc.) - Retail (in-store purchases allowed with restrictions) - Real estate - Professional services/office-based businesses (telework remains strongly encouraged) - Hair and nail salons/barbers - Pet grooming - Restaurants/taverns <50% capacity table size no larger than 5 (no bar-area seating) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Restaurants/taverns <75% capacity/ table size no larger than 10 - Bar areas in restaurant/taverns at <25% capacity - Movie theaters at <50% capacity - Customer-facing government services (telework remains strongly encouraged) - Libraries - Museums - All other business activities not yet listed except for nightclubs and events with greater than 50 people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nightclubs - Concert venues - Large sporting events - Resume unrestricted staffing of worksites, but continue to practice physical distancing and good hygiene

* High-risk populations are currently defined by CDC as: persons 65 years of age and older; people of all ages with underlying medical conditions (particularly not well controlled), including people with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma, people who have serious heart conditions, people who are immunocompromised, people with severe obesity, people with diabetes, people with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis, and people with liver disease; people who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility.

Proposed 2020 Pre-Assembly Schedule – come to as many as you like – you are not limited to just the one in your district!

Districts	Dates	Time – suggested time	Location/Notes
Peninsula Districts (10, 22, 43, 55, 56)	August 1, 2020 Saturday	9– 3 pm Fellowship at 9 Business starts at 9:30 Potluck Lunch 12-12:30	Confirmed date – Shu/D56 coordinating
Northern Districts (2, 3, 4, 11, 12,19, 24, 46)	August 2, 2020 Sunday	10 – 4 pm Fellowship at 9:30 Business starts at 10 Potluck Lunch 12-12:30	Confirmed date – Linda/Michele – D46 coordinating
Central Districts (14, 15, 16, 17, 31, 32, 40, 41, 42)	August 8, 2020 Saturday	9 – 3pm Fellowship at 9 Business starts at 9:30 Potluck lunch 12-12:30	Confirmed date – Jodi/D31 is coordinating
Eastside Districts (1,18, 33, 34, 35, 36,38, 39, 57) **Spanish Interpretation Provided**	August 15, 2020 Saturday	9 – 3pm Fellowship at 9 Business starts at 9:30 Potluck lunch 12-12:30	Confirmed date – Dominique/D34 is coordinating
Pierce County Districts (9, 29, 44, 45, 54)	August 29, 2020 Saturday	9:00 – 3pm Fellowship at 9 Business starts at 9:30 Potluck lunch 12-12:30	Confirmed date - Pierce County DCMs requested this date
Southern Districts (7,8, 21, 27, 28, 37)	August 30, 2020 Sunday	10– 4 pm Fellowship at 10 Business starts at 10:30 Potluck lunch 12-12:30	Confirmed date – Derek/DCM28 is coordinating