### (1) Submit a clear and concisely worded motion.

The 2002 Conference unanimously recommended the Advisory Action that the text in the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, written by Bill Wilson remain as is recognizing the Fellowship's feeling that Bill's writings be retained as originally published. We propose that changes made by the 71<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference:

Advisory Action 18 for changes to page 117 phrase "opposite sex" with the word "partner" Advisory Action 19 changes to page 66, "No one wants to be angry enough to murder, lustful enough to rape, gluttonous enough to ruin his health" with "No one want to commit the deadly sins of anger, lust or gluttony"

in the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, be returned to their original text.

Note: This would include the Introduction be returned to its original text.

## (2) What problem does this proposed item address?

The 2002 Conference Advisory Action unanimously recommended that the text in the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, written by Bill Wilson remain as is recognizing the Fellowship's feeling that Bill's writings be retained as originally published. Up to 71<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference, Bill Wilson's writings, essays were not changed in the Book Twelve Steps and the Twelve Traditions. We feel that Bill Wilson's Essays should not be changed.

(3) What level of group conscience, if any, discussed the proposed agenda item? Make it clear who is submitting the item (an individual, group, district, area, etc.).

Note: While all items are received equally, experience has shown that ideas greatly benefit from the value of a broader group conscience. Consider if and with whom you would like to have a group conscience discussion on the proposed agenda item prior to submitting.

The Group Conscience of the Hibbing Downtown Group, Hibbing MN, Area 35 Northern MN, unanimously approved this proposal on June 19, 2023. The Group Conscience of District 9 Area 35 Northern MN approved this proposal with substantial unanimity on June 25, 1923

# (4) Provide background information that describes and supports the reasoning for the proposal. List background material(s) included with the proposal.

2002 Conference Advisory Action recommended that: The text in the book, Twelve Steps ad Twelve Traditions, written by Bill Wilson, remain as is, recognizing the Fellowship's feeling that Bill's writings be retained as originally published. \* The conference from year to year has shown that it is reluctant to change anything that Bill wrote and even though the language may be out of date, the willingness to change anything hasn't been there and it remained this through several conferences.

2003 Conference Advisory Action recommended that: A draft Introduction to be added to the front matter of Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions be developed by the General Service Office Publications Department and reviewed by the trustees' Literature Committee and brought back to the 2004 Conference Literature Committee for their consideration.

2005 Conference Advisory Action Recommended that : The following introduction be added to the front matter of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions: See attached background information from the 71<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference. See newest version of the Introduction.

### (5) What are the intended/expected outcomes if this proposed items is approved?

We would recognize the Fellowship's feeling that Bill's writings be retained as originally published. The conference from year to year has shown that it is reluctant to change anything that Bill wrote and even though the language may be out of date, the willingness to change anything hasn't been there and it remained this through several conferences. We feel that 2005 Introduction to the

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions explains the language in the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions which includes:

The time and era of the publication

The language as a reflection of the time period.

(6) Provide a primary contract for the submission. Contact : Diane R. 218-929-7846 and Ricco R Home Phone 218-262-3565 Email dianer@northlc.com

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#### (7) Final Comments:

Thank you for consideration of the proposal and hopefully it will be presented to the 74th General Service Conference for a vote.