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Many meetings have decided to go back to face-to-face or stay virtual. Some are doing either or both. Now that we have the BA.4 and BA.5 variants of COVID-19 that seem to be more like a severe case of the flu, we may have to live with this disease. If you feel ill, please do not go to a face-to-face meeting. There are over 400 virtual meetings a week.

The International Service Organization (ISO) of SAA encourages groups to consult and consider local and national health guidelines when forming a group conscience about when and how to meet. The ISO will continue to monitor relevant health advisories regarding the pandemic and how it is affecting the ISO office, group meetings, and ISO-planned events. We are working on a new meeting search to allow prospective members an easier way to find the various types of meetings we now have registered. This new meeting search may be delayed in implementation due to the shortfall in sales and donations we are currently experiencing.

Some meetings have gone back to a face-to-face format. Some have created hybrid meetings to allow members that are not local to keep attending. Remember our common welfare and primary purpose should be our main focus. It is best to talk about these issues at the group level and come to a group conscience of what format to take for the meeting. Please inform the ISO office if your meeting information on our website needs to be updated.

Some groups have considered contingency plans in case the group is temporarily unable to meet face-to-face. Plans have included creating contact lists and keeping in touch by phone, email, or social media, as well as meeting by phone or online.

We do want to remind our fellowship that we have over 400 telemeetings or online meetings each week. Telemeetings are easy to find on the saa-recovery.org site. Just click on the Find A Meeting box and then Telemeetings to get just those listed in chronological order for that day.

We hope this brief sharing is helpful.

“From Shame to Grace”