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We are now entering our third year of COVID-19 with another variant. We are starting to learn how to live with it. We are still planning on having a face-to-face convention this year.

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 affects the ISO office, group meetings, and ISO planned events. In addition, we are working on a new meeting search to provide members an easier way to find the various types of registered meetings.

Some meetings have started to go back to a face-to-face format. Some have created hybrid meetings to allow non-local members to attend. Some members have offered suggestions of how groups may address precautions. 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 precautions to take.

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, social media, and meeting by phone or online. If a group decides not to hold its regular meeting or is now back to meeting regularly, it may wish to update the ISO office and/or their local intergroup.

We do want to remind our fellowship that we have over 300 virtual meetings each week. Telemetings are easy to find on the saa-recovery.org site. Just click on the Find A Meeting box and then Telemetings to get just those listed in chronological order for that day. Another way to see the Telemeeting Intergroup meetings is to go to saatalk.info.

We hope this brief sharing is helpful.

“From Shame to Grace”