

AREA INVENTORY

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The area inventory considers three general topics:

1. How well has the area committee done this year at serving the groups, and how can it better serve them in the coming year?

2. How well has the area committee served the larger community, and how can the committee better serve the community-at-large?

3. How well has the area committee done at supporting NA's regional and world services? How can the area provide better support for these services?

A substantial amount of preparation is required on everyone's part for an effective area inventory. GSRs, officers, and subcommittees must take a fearless, searching look at their work over the last year and come to the inventory session prepared to review their roles on the committee. GSRs should spend time with their groups considering what needs might be addressed by the area committee in the next year and come to the inventory session with ideas in hand. Officers and subcommittees should take the time to look at the make-up of the larger community in which they live, ask themselves how NA could be more effective in reaching out to that community, and be prepared to share their thoughts with the entire area committee. And perhaps most importantly, all area committee participants should make an extra effort to prepare themselves spiritually to make the most of the area inventory meeting. Materials available from your World Service Office may provide additional help, especially in developing an agenda for your inventory session.