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AND NON-ALCOHOLIC EMPLOYEES ONLY APPEAR IN THIS REPORT**

Dear A.A. Friends,

Please mark your calendar for the next Eastern Canada Regional Forum, which will take place in Ottawa, Ontario on the weekend of November 13-15, 2020 at the Ottawa Marriot Hotel.

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combining the Big Book and the Twelve and Twelve in Punjabi in Canada, because we were at a regional forum in Vancouver and you told us “we need materials in Punjabi for our immigrant population here.” So, of course, we want to help. You all do the work, quite frankly, but we can provide the materials that you need, as long as you put your dollar in that basket — the Seventh Tradition. For then we can provide the Punjabi books. That's how it works.

I heard how hard you are working to reach your inmates here in Canada. I loved the presentation — I don't know how many of you were in Diana's workshop last night, but I found it very moving, and Robert's presentation addresses a big issue, how do we reach those folks in prison so that they can find a better life — whether they will ever get out or not. So, on processing all that and many more ideas that I took notes on, I come away with one question that I will leave you with, a question I think is important to figure out. And that is, what more can we do to make our service structure reflect our inclusiveness? Please think about it, talk about it, and share ideas. As Bill W. wrote (and you know we all love to quote Bill — I do, too.): “Honesty with ourselves and others gets us sober, but it is tolerance that keeps us that way.”

Listening to you, I know that A.A. in Canada — and A.A. wherever I've been — is full of passionate, smart, and kind people who will work hard, do service, and keep the hand of A.A. out there. I look forward to your solutions on ensuring that the hand of A.A. is extended to anyone, anywhere, reaching towards you — and that you will work to ensure inclusion in our service structure. Merci beaucoup! I look forward to seeing many of you again on the road of happy destiny.