



Global Members Subcommittee

Monthly Report May 2020

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PURPOSE OF THE GLOBAL SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE

Reaching out globally, connecting, supporting meetings and carrying the ACA message in countries outside of Europe and North America; such as Africa, Asia, Mexico, South and Central America, US Territories (E.g. Guam), Australia/Oceania. We honour tradition 4, each group is autonomous and Tradition 5, carrying the ACA message.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS by COUNTRY

 Australia	<p>Overall: Australia has now joined Global with 2 country coordinators.</p> <p>Meetings: Currently there are 39 meeting groups and 7 Intergroups.</p> <p>Service Structure: We have a planning meeting in early June to start a national service structure with the view to then be part of a regional service structure.</p> <p>Studies/ Workshops: A series of weekend zoom Ready Set Go sessions are being planned within Global for the Eastern hemisphere in a few months.</p> <p>Literature: Australia has similar affordability issues as the other emerging countries. We will be assessing under the International literature Distribution channels.</p>
 Bangladesh	<p>Overall: No meeting is taking place. After the current epidemic eases, efforts will be made to carry the ACA message with the help of local AA and NA groups, starting with public outreach leading to new meetings. No new developments since the last update.</p>
 India	<p>Overall: ACA members are increasingly engaged with supporting meetings and ACA recovery after the 2020 ABC/AWC Online Convention.</p> <p>Meetings: Online meetings are becoming increasingly popular because of the inherent conveniences. Lots of newcomers, especially young adults. More and more participants from around the world. It appears that online meetings are here to stay.</p> <p>Studies/ Workshops: India ACA English members will be able to access Ready Set Go with the Australian partnership.</p> <p>Service Structure: At the initiative of the Global Members Subcommittee, a Support Group for India was created with members from India and Global. This group is focusing on the support needed to strengthen and grow the ACA fellowship and meeting groups across India. The first Zoom meeting was held on 21 May. A major urgent and immediate need that emerged was to find ways to improve meeting safety. This is being addressed on an immediate basis.</p>

 <p>Israel</p>	<p>Overall: Meetings are starting to go back to F2F; dealing with limiting guidelines. WhatsApp group at 208 members. Purchased domain aca-israel.com for local website. Meetings: 12 meeting</p> <p>Studies/ Workshops: Loving parent weekly workshop started following a model of an existing EU meeting.</p> <p>Service Structure: Started IG (2 meetings so far) with mentoring of NE region (meeting once a month and communicating in between).</p> <p>Translations: Editing SMR. Continue BRB translation.</p> <p>Literature: No shipments were possible during COVID-19.</p>
 <p>Mexico</p>	<p>Overall: Mexico has now joined Global with 1 country coordinators. June 1st. Lockdown to be gradually lifted. Face to face meetings to be hopefully resumed by the end of the month.</p> <p>Meetings: 8 in total; 2 online - one in Spanish, one in English. Members have requested zoom meetings from Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco to be continued. IG ACA MEXICO is sharing ESH to open the first face-to-face meeting in Cancun.</p> <p>Studies/ Workshops: BRB & 12-step study Yellow Workbook.</p> <p>Service Structure: IG#635 ACA MEXICO.</p> <p>Translations: The Laundry Lists Workbook will soon be found in Spanish.</p>
 <p>South Africa</p>	<p>Overall: South Africa has announced that it is moving to Level 3 lockdown from 1 June, but public meetings are only likely to happen at level 1, and as our curve is only now starting to go intense. So face-to-face is unlikely to restart before August, more likely September or even later.</p> <p>Meetings: A new formal meeting in Port Elizabeth (PE) has been registered. Online meeting participants are growing, we have added over 20 new members in that time. There is also talk of some of these new members potentially starting new meetings in their areas once they have done their first run through the steps. There are frequent comments that people do not want the online meetings to stop once lockdown ends. There is some debate now about the online meetings becoming separate from their source face-to-face meetings, as the population has changed.</p> <p>Studies/ Workshops: The flier for the next Ready, Set, Go sessions in June have been posted on all the groups WhatsApp pages, quite a few members are planning to join.</p> <p>Service Structure: Two new members have joined the Intergroup.</p> <p>Literature: Membership requests for the yellow workbook remain very high. We are seeking ways to obtain copies; there are no funds to purchase at this time.</p>
 <p>South Korea</p>	<p>Overall: South Korea ACA coordinator has asked us to join KakaoTalk (similar to WhatsApp); it is helping with us to communicate more frequently and effectively.</p> <p>Meetings: The meeting is struggling to survive in the current conditions with 5-6 people. 2 English speaking and 1 Korean/English speaking members are offering to fellow travel and sponsor with this group.</p> <p>Studies/ Workshops: South Korea ACA English members will be able to access Ready Set Go with the Australian partnership. We look at translations for this at a later date.</p> <p>Service Structure: Starting with a combined meeting and a translation structure.</p> <p>Translations: Working with a translation small team. More work is needed with traditions. Global Translations Coordinator and a Canadian ACA member fluent in Korean and English.</p>
 <p>Taiwan</p>	<p>Overall: ACA members are increasingly engaged with supporting meetings and ACA recovery after the 2020 ABC/AWC Online Convention. The Taiwan coordinator has agreed to be the Far East Coordinator for other countries in this area.</p> <p>Meetings: The two meetings have flourished with the transition to zoom. These are truly Global ACA meetings with many members joining from different countries.</p> <p>Studies/ Workshops: Taiwan ACA members will be able to access Ready Set Go with the Australian partnership.</p>

	Service Structure: Meeting structure only at this time. This will be evolved with our Hp guidance.
 Vietnam	Overall: No new update at this time.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS BY GLOBAL MEMBERS:



<u>New Countries Joining Global</u>	<p>We welcome Australia and Mexico to the Global Members Subcommittee.</p> <p>One of our new country coordinators said “We look forward to a successful collaboration with you all and strengthening the ties that unite us.”</p>
<u>Global Service Positions</u>	<p>We welcome Carmen, Mexico as our new secretary and Marion, South Africa as our new Vice Chair. We thank Dalia for her service as our Vice Chair. Dalia will continue as our Global Translations Coordinator.</p> <p>Sean(Taiwan) will be our new Far East coordinator, Satish (Canada/India) will be our new H & I coordinator, Ani, UK will be our new EC coordinator, Susan C (USA) is our new Global Events Coordinator. Thank you all.</p>
<u>New Global Volunteers</u>	<p>Carmen has joined Joe H (USA) as our volunteer coordinator. They have been connecting with our 45 volunteers and are working with the Global Members committee to find a place either on our committee or another committee.</p>
<u>Global Virtual Events</u>	<p>Volunteer & Service Meeting: We will be holding quarterly meetings to discuss providing service to countries being supported by Global. Stay tuned for dates.</p> <p>Australia: Sydney Intergroup will hold a Unity Day on Zoom, Sunday July 19th to celebrate its 5th year anniversary.</p>
<u>International Literature Distribution Channels</u>	<p>We continue to explore creative alternatives to increase the accessibility and affordability of literature in our emerging countries.</p>
<u>H & I</u>	<p>We are working with the WSO H & I Committee on the current trifold for HealthCare professionals.</p>

If you are living or have lived outside Europe and North America or if you feel called to Global Service, please consider joining us in carrying the message of ACA healing around the world. Please email us at: globalmembers@adulthood.org or join one of our Global slack channels.

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