



Families Anonymous

For Relatives and Friends Concerned About the Use of Drugs or Related Behavioral Problems

Group Outreach Committee

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To Our FA Family,

Many of you have received this email blast from the WSB:

In response to the coronavirus crisis and the cancellation of face-to-face meetings, the World Service Board is announcing an expanded program of virtual meetings using GoToMeeting software. Effective immediately, the MWW meeting room will be offering open meetings, available DAILY for all face-to-face members to use from 6 PM until MIDNIGHT Eastern Time. Some meetings may coincide, but we must all be flexible during these difficult times. Our on-going MWW and Phone meetings will also be available at the regular meeting times shown on the website under MEETINGS>VIRTUAL MEETINGS. Please download the GoToMeeting instructions for using your computer, cell phone, tablet or landline phone. The set-up must only be done once. The MWW meeting number to join is always the same (115-381-933). We are all in this together!! Stay Serene and attend a meeting!

We are very grateful to MWW (Meetings Without Walls) for setting this up and opening it up to all of our members. The MWW meetings, phone meetings and e-meetings are open to all, from every part of the fellowship; in keeping with our Traditions, the MWW groups are autonomous in the same way as F2F (Face-to-Face) meetings. Newcomers and current members are welcome to join these meetings.

Some groups may prefer to hold their own virtual meetings during these difficult times. Some groups have already done this by using various venues such as FreeConferenceCall.com, [Zoom](https://zoom.us), or even their own [GoToMeeting](https://gotomeeting.com) which allows a free 30 day trial period. (Another member can set this up after the first 30-day period expires). These groups have already begun meeting at their usual meeting times.

Feel free to join our virtual meetings or set up your own Group meetings. Many of you may find it more comfortable to be with only those members from your regular meetings. The MWW Script, found on the virtual meetings section of our website gives a perfect meeting format which has already been modified for virtual meetings. You may also pick a time to tell your members to sign onto these MWW GoToMeetings. A few others may be in attendance, but remember, we cannot exclude members from other groups.

We wish you all good health and serenity during these difficult times. Please remember to work your program, read FA literature, call your sponsor and attend a virtual meeting when possible. Now may also be a perfect time to dust off your 12-Step Workbook and begin working or re-working the steps. Our program works if you work it, so work it you're worth it. And remember, many of us have lived through tough times before so be a beacon of positive light. We can do this!!

If you have questions or concerns, feel free to email me at GO@FamiliesAnonymous.org Thank you.

In Service and Serenity,

Donna

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