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I Choose Open-Mindedness and Hope

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Step 2 says we *"Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."* When I first came into this program of recovery, God was the literature and God was the Steps. When I first came upon this Step, without even knowing it at the time, God and I were very close.

Today, when I read *Life with Hope* I encourage myself to look for promises the text offers and statements that described and describe me.

The sixth paragraph in **Step 2**: *"We began to see possibility that the beliefs about ourselves, formed while using, had been mistaken. We saw that our perceptions had been based in delusion."* On a daily basis I experience the effects of a spiritual disease that limits my ability to feel freedom, humility, and compassion. Thankfully this program offers me a way to grow beyond my old perceptions, my delusions, a way to connect with a higher Power to free me from the burdens of my past.

I picked up marijuana when I was 13. I put it down when I was 23. My beliefs about myself, formed while using, were mistaken.

I thought that I didn't like people, that friends were more hassle than help, that I was happier alone, isolated, confined. I thought that insanity was safety, and I thought there would be no end to the self-loathing. I am so happy my perceptions about myself were based in delusion.

Today I focus on how being open to new ideas and to new ways of life will continue to be a lifeline. Today I will remember that I do have a choice. I choose to take action, having faith that God will make it right. ▲

~Anonymous.

Join us in Seattle for the 24th Annual MA World Convention!

Feb 16–18 2018 • \$165 thru Jan 24th • then \$175 after that

REGISTER: <http://mawsconvention.org/2018-convention/register>

SCHOLARSHIP: contact Convention@MADistrict4.org
Scholarship funds are available for those in need of help with the registration expense.

HOTEL DETAIL: Crowne Plaza Seattle Airport +1.206.248.1000
17338 International Blvd Seattle, WA 98188
Book directly with the hotel. Discounted rates are available using booking code: "MA World Convention"

WHAT TO EXPECT: Fun and Recovery!



convention site

Throughout the weekend: Fellowship, MA meetings, MA phone meetings, Sat & Sun workshops, a beautiful hospitality suite with hosted coffee, food, and games.
Specific days/eves: Friday eve keynote speaker, live music and open mic, Saturday eve keynote, banquet and dance with live band, Sunday afternoon closing ceremony.
For the play-by play: http://tiny.cc/2018convention_schedule

Come see how much fun WE can have together!!!

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Announcing New MA Meetings in Ontario, Canada!

Beginning Feb 5, 2018

The Nightcrawlers
Mondays 7:00 p.m. EST in Waterloo
60 minutes

Knox Presbyterian Church
50 Erb St West
Waterloo ON N2L 1T1

Beginning March 6, 2018

Simcoe Group
Tuesdays 8:00 p.m. EST in Simcoe
60 minutes

First Baptist Church
129 Young St
Simcoe, ON

ANL's Purpose

The purpose of *A New Leaf* is to carry the message of recovery from marijuana addiction. It is through the written experiences of recovering addicts and their stories that we may find experience, strength and hope.

Articles submitted should reflect recovery, unity, and service.

The articles contained in *A New Leaf* are the sole opinions of the authors and do not reflect the opinions of Marijuana Anonymous as a whole. MA is not affiliated with—and does not endorse or accept contributions from—any outside enterprise.

District Bureau Chiefs

Please get in touch with our ANLP's Managing Editor to collaborate on continuing to breathe life into our fellowship's newsletter. Your ideas and service are welcome, wanted and needed. Contact Thor H. at editor@anewleafpublications.org

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www.marijuana-anonymous.org/story

We need YOU!

IN STEP TWELVE, we take action to carry the message of recovery to the marijuana addict who still suffers. Listed below are a number of opportunities for you to participate in your own recovery while helping others. Please volunteer today!

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Outreach Board

New Meeting Support Program

The Outreach Committee invites *you* to engage in service by supporting new and independent meetings by participating in the New Meeting Support Program.

Did you know that thousands of marijuana addicts have no local access to in-person meetings?

Luckily, new meetings are starting up all over to increase access to the fellowship. As MA continues to grow around the world we find that many new meetings face challenges as they begin to build their foundation. In addition, many meetings operate without service sponsorship or other types of support because they are located in geographic areas that don't fall within an MA district.

We want to reduce the isolation by connecting these meetings with volunteers who can share their both their recovery through the 12 Steps and MA service experiences. Volunteers are paired with a new meeting and provide correspondence (email or phone) with a contact person to discuss service topics, challenges and successes the new meeting is experiencing.

The Outreach Committee has set a goal of each District having two members joining the New Meeting Support Program. Please spread the word about this program so we can better serve and support MA's new and independent meetings. If you have questions or would like to volunteer please contact Aimee or Drift: outreach@marijuana-anonymous.org

Correspondence Committee

The newly formed Correspondence Committee is looking for volunteers!

We are seeking additional volunteers with service experience and a working knowledge of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Marijuana Anonymous to respond to support requests received through the MA 800 helpline and email inquiries. Volunteers will respond to calls that come in on the voicemail line with a goal of returning calls within 48 hours. If you have questions or would like to volunteer please contact: office@marijuana-anonymous.org

*To volunteer at ANLP send a note to board@anewleafpublications.org

Are you fluent in another language?

Many people across North America and the UK contact MA looking for help. However, the long-term goal of Marijuana Anonymous is to become a truly global support network, able to provide resources to suffering addicts in countries all over the world. In taking steps to reach this goal the Outreach Committee is looking to create a database of members who are fluent in languages other than English who would be able to help us bridge the communication gap. We are especially looking for Spanish speakers, as well as European language speakers. If you have questions or would like to volunteer please contact us:

outreach@marijuana-anonymous.org

Women's Town Hall

The Outreach Committee is currently researching and developing an online Town Hall for MA's female-identified members. The Project Lead is seeking input, guidance and volunteers to develop this remote Town Hall for the fellowship worldwide. If you have questions or would like to volunteer please contact Lana or Drift:

outreach@marijuana-anonymous.org

Our Institutional Memory

The MA World Policies and Procedures Committee is seeking volunteers to work on the MA World Conference Motions Archive Project. This is a wonderful opportunity for members of our Fellowship to delve into our fellowship's 28-year history stemming back to the 1989 Unity Conference. An archive is more than a log of data and dates. Every item has its own story. Archives unlock doors to the past, and with your help this history can be made available to future generations of MA'ers. What a gift it is to take a peek into the work of those who came before, who graciously devoted their service to developing the bedrock of Marijuana Anonymous. Volunteers can take on as much or as little service work as they wish. If you or someone you know is interested in helping, please get in touch!

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THE ROVING REPORTER

Every month, our readers have **another opportunity** to reflect on their recovery and to help carry the message to the addict who still suffers. This issue presents a question, the answer to which will be published in the March issue. In addition to the question, the Step and the Tradition corresponding to the month of publication are offered as topics. For example, the submissions dealing with **Step Three** may be requested in **February** and published in **March**. The deadline is the 16th of the month. You need not write more than a couple paragraphs and the exercise may strengthen your own recovery.

The action you take will certainly bring to life **Step Twelve** and **Tradition Five**.

The Fellowship hopes to hear from you often. This month's question comes directly from page 10 of our *Life with Hope Workbook*. Toward the bottom it asks us to "Review the Third Step prayer on page 13 of *LwH*" (page 12 if you have the Third Edition), followed by the question/s: "What, if anything, about this prayer, works for you / do you resist?"

<https://www.marijuana-anonymous.org/literature/newsletter/talk-to-the-roving-reporter>



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District 5

Amanda 12/17/14 3 yrs
Melody C. 1/16/89 29 yrs
Robert S. 1/2/17 1 yr
Tony R. 1/1/04 14 yrs

Andrew 12/13/17 2 yrs
Debra 12/13/15 2 yrs

District 7

Keith G. 1/9/09 9 yrs



From Life with Hope

Step Two

*Came to believe that
a Power greater
than ourselves
could restore
us to sanity.*

Tradition Two

*For our group purpose
there is but one ultimate
authority, a loving
God whose expression
may come through in
our group conscience.
Our leaders are but
trusted servants;
they do not govern.*

GOT A YEAR OR MORE?

ALLOW US TO PUBLISH YOUR ANNIVERSARY TO CELEBRATE!!!

Provide your sobriety date to your local GSR to be forwarded to your Bureau Chief, **or** e-mail your details to chiefs@anewleafpublications.org **or** submit them online at tiny.cc/mabday.



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- 1) HAVE OCCURRED,**
- 2) HAVE NOT BEEN
published recently,**
- 3) AND ARE NOT OLDER
THAN 45 days.**

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