

Global Members Committee



Monthly Report - November 2021

Chair: Sue V (Canada)

Vice Chairs: Marion M (South Africa) & Sunil A (India)

Secretary: Karen T (South Africa)

Member Countries: Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Demographic Republic of Congo, India, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, UAE, Vietnam, Zambia

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE (As amended September 1st, 2021)

The Global Members Committee provides support to ACA groups outside of the United States, Canada and Europe, partnering with them to assist their efforts to become self-supporting (Tradition 7) as they grow.

We operate on the principle of attraction not promotion so we respond to requests for support. We listen, seeking to understand what these groups are looking for, and attempt to meet their expressed need as best as we can from our pool of resources, facilitating universal inclusiveness, accessibility and affordability of literature and ACA recovery resources (Tradition 5, carrying the ACA message). We honour Tradition 4 (autonomy) for all groups.

Partner within WSO ACA and our Fellowships around the world to unify our ACA recovery resources.

2021 GOALS - LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1 **Increased accessibility and affordability processes for literature publishing and distribution for emerging countries.**
 - ❑ We continue to advocate for countries in need of affordable accessible literature such as South Africa and India.
 - ❑ We supported Brazil's request for the "Lights On" program, a set of free literature. Brazil ACA has started the first Portuguese speaking ACA meeting in Brazil.
- 2 **Increased accessibility and inclusiveness to ACA recovery resources through meeting support, studies, service committees, workshops etc.**
 - ❑ One of our global members has started loving parent meetings at a time that works well for East Asia.
- 3 **Supporting translations and equitable access to the WSO ACA Fellowship and organization.**
 - ❑ We are supporting Japan ACOA and China ACA in their translation work.
- 4 **Partner with Europe and North America in unifying our WSO ACA resources for our world-wide Fellowship.**
 - ❑ We have a dedicated service volunteer working with Global Members, the European Committee and the local 2022 ABC and AWC host committees to ensure universal access and inclusion.

MEETINGS OF THE GLOBAL MEMBERS COMMITTEE

- Global Members (Central & West) Committee - 3rd Wednesday monthly @ 10am EDT (4pm CET, 5pm SAST, 8:30pm India, 11pm Far East, 2am Australia & 4am NZ)
- Global Members (East) Committee - 3rd Saturday monthly @ 9pm EDT (Sunday - 3am CET, 4am SAST, 7:30am India, 10am Far East, 1pm Australia & 3pm NZ)

COUNTRY AND REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Country Updates:

Brazil (Eloa)

Global members helped the Brazilian group towards getting the “Lights On” program of free ACA literature. Our group had a hard time with no attendees at meetings, but a new time schedule is helping us to keep going. On Global Monthly Meeting, Eloa G learned from ESH of other global members on how to attract newcomers respecting the Fellowship values.

Thailand (Sean H)

“In person” ACA meetings are still cancelled because of the COVID surge. The situation is better, with new cases less than 5,000 per day. Government has eased the 10 pm curfew and has allowed retail and business to open with restrictions. There are three online meetings and one online Young Adults. We were talking about opening the in person meeting but not likely for the rest of 2021.

Bangladesh (Sunil A)

No new updates since last month.

India (Sunil A)

ACA India meetings are progressing smoothly. India has started exploring translation work for their members.

Australia & New Zealand (Monique & Annie S)

Australia and NZ are forming a committee to start working on a strategy to regionalise our area Oceania eventually meeting up with the Global East. There are structure changes being discussed as to Sydney Intergroup becoming a Service Office for Australia as a Nation. The printing of Literature discussion has started again as a member wants to go it alone separate to WSO Global Committee. We have decided to put our energies towards the larger plan of the Oceania Region.

South Africa (Karent)

We have finally taken delivery of our first two print runs: Fellowship Text and Loving Parent Guidebook. We will be printing the 12 Steps Workbook next, early in the new year. We will be shipping our first order beyond our borders (Zambia) in the next few days. The fellowship is very grateful to the service of volunteers in the Global Members Committee for without them we would not have achieved this. The meetings throughout the country are meeting lots of international visitors and gaining from their ESH. We are seeing a natural reduction in local attendees at meetings (for this time of year), however, we know that it will pick up again once the school calendar starts in 2022. The Port Elizabeth group is talking about starting a lunchtime Loving Parent Meeting in the new year.

Regional Development:

Global Members have created Regional Service coordinators and committees serving many countries in a geographic area. We started with the Far East with Taiwan, Vietnam, China, Japan and Singapore and more

countries are joining. We have also added Regional Service Coordinators and Committees in Africa, Middle East, South Asia and Oceania. This will increase support and fellowship for countries requesting support in a regional area.

The Oceania regional coordinator is starting discussions to explore what a region or regional service committee would look like for the local members and whether there is interest.

New Countries:

Any country that is active but is not receiving global support or a member who would like support in starting a meeting in their country please contact us on globalmembers@adultchildren.org or on Slack.

VOLUNTEERS SUPPORTING 149 COUNTRIES

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization. We cannot successfully carry the message without our volunteers who work tirelessly at many various levels. Our team of volunteers currently stands at almost 70 members but we could always do with more.

Our current volunteer needs are as follows:

Country coordinator - [Other countries in Africa, Asia, Central and South America, Mexico](#)

Language needs - [Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, Hebrew, Spanish](#)

Service Project Updates:

Events Coordinator (Alaska) [2022 ABC & AWC](#) - Met with ABC/AWC and they proposed having the ABC run from 7am-11:30am pacific, break, and then go from 2pm-6:30pm pacific. They are trying to accommodate global time zones. They are also considering regional ABC/AWC. The ABC/AWC committee would like more global participation (members worldwide, not the global committee), and are willing to hold meetings at times convenient to members outside of North America. Looking for members interested in presenting workshops or panels at the 2022 AWC. I'm willing to help with submitting presenter applications, or developing workshop or panel ideas.

[Toronto ACA Annual Conference](#) - Global members Anggza, Kinch & Leah shared their experience, strength & hope.

International Studies (Monique) This year 2021 saw 6 RSG groups successfully concluded. Participants have reached out and went on to further their ACA Studies and journey. 1 x 40 week Steps Study group was completed and the 9 members left have formed a private group continuing to meet up awaiting the Traits Study Group starting 2022. I have found this service so very rewarding and have learnt so much more regarding my recovery that I would not have otherwise learned. I, with the Higher Powers guidance and blessing of energy, plan to continue in 2022 as I am directed to.

If you are living or have lived outside Canada, Europe and the USA 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@adultchildren.org or join one of our global Slack channels.

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Together We are Stronger**