

COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2025-26

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| Committee | |
| Concepts Study Ad-Hoc Committee | |

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| Inception Date | Sunset Date |
| October 20,2022 | |

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| Chair / Vice Chair (<i>First name, Last Initial; State or Country</i>) | |
| Co-chairs / Kelle J, FL / Josh W. DC | |
| Members (<i>First name, Last Initial; State or Country</i>) | |
| Kelle J .FL, Josh W. DC, Pam M. CA, Amica, WVA | |

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| Statement of Purpose |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Concepts Study Ad Hoc Study Committee was authorized by the 2022 Annual Business Conference. The ABC’s exact motion was: <i>To create an ad-hoc committee that will study Concepts 2 and 6 and report to the 2023 ABC on possible revisions. Delegates and the fellowship will be notified of the study and invited to join the ad-hoc committee.</i> ● An extension of time was approved in 2023. ● The following passed at the 2024 ABC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>We propose a 2 -3 year extension of the time, and an expansion of its scope, of the Concepts Study Group: see *</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>to refine recommended language for an update to Concept VI to be presented at the next business meeting of the Conference</i> ▪ <i>to Include considering updates to other Concepts, and to make recommendations to better integrate the Concepts into the World Service Conference and the World Service Organization.</i> <p><i>*Following an extension of scope, the committee was renamed The Concepts Study Ad-hoc Committee with Board approval.</i></p> |

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| Bullet list of committee activities since the last ABC |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>At the 2025 ABC:</u> Conference approved the proposed new Concept 2 language <i>“ACA groups delegate to the World Service Conference the authority to act as their effective voice and conscience, and to represent the fellowship in world service matters.”</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>This motion passed, including Minority Opinion</i> ● <u>In between the 2025 ABC and the September 2025 CBM:</u> Given the new process for Fellowship Group Voting (which did not exist when the 2024 Concept 2 motion was passed at the <u>2025 ABC</u>), the committee felt it was our responsibility to present the option to bring to the Conference as to whether at the 2025 ABC the decision the new Concept 2 language should go to Fellowship Group Voting for final approval by the worldwide Fellowship ● <u>At the 2025 September CBM:</u> The primary focus of the committee's presentation at the September CBM was to fully determine through a Conference motion whether |

Concept 2 shall go through the FGV process for final approval, or whether the decision which already took place and was approved at the 2025 ABC to approve the revised Concept 2 stands as final.

- *Because Concept 2 is the Concept which formally specifies that the Conference is the representative voice of the Fellowship, and because FGV process did not exist until Dec 2024, the primary focus of the committee's presentation at the September CBM was to **fully determine** through a Conference motion whether Concept 2 shall go through the FGV process for final approval, or whether the decision which already took place and was approved at the 2025 ABC to approve the revised Concept 2 stands as final.*

Motion at Sept. 2025 CBM : The Concepts Study Group hereby MOVES that the version of Concept 2 approved at the 2025 ABC be placed into a Fellowship Group Vote process, so as to allow it to be approved and confirmed by the whole Fellowship, with the explicit understanding that a Conference decision **not** to initiate a Fellowship Group Vote here today will serve as a decision that the revised Concept 2 language already approved by the Conference at the 2025 ABC is final

Motion passes with 79.31% of the votes which meets the requirement

Jan 2026 CBM

- *minority opinion did not change the motion approval*

Please Keep In Mind:

- **The larger issue of whether changes to any Concepts would need approval by the worldwide Fellowship remains unaddressed at this point in time.** This policy issue will likely be codified in the Conference Charter at some point, and this committee can work with the Charter committee on this question. (Concept 6: Conference has final say on large matters of policy)
- Note: other Concept revisions to be considered for FGV may be forthcoming
- Please note: at this time, the FGV process is administered by the FGV Team, which is accountable to the WSO Board

Since the Jan 2026 CBM:

The Concepts Committee is working with the FGV Team to determine next steps in the process. (for more detail, please see Addendum)

Update on Concepts 6 (AND 7)

- The Committee began researching and reviewing C6 and subsequently started drafting language for potential revisions. The Committee has also discussed reviewing C6 and C7 together, with consideration given to revising both in tandem.
- This work has been put on pause, as the Committee believes that advancing C2 into the FGV process is imperative and will have an impact on the process of any further

revisions for approval.

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Tasks Completed

- At the 2025 ABC:
 - **Brought a Motion:** to ask the Conference to approve replacing the current Concept 2 with the new draft C2 language “*ACA groups delegate to the World Service Conference the authority to act as their effective voice and conscience, and to represent the fellowship in world service matters.*”
 - **Motion passes**
- At the 2025 September CBM:
 - **Brought a Motion** that C2 either go to FGV or stand as having Final Approval (due to Conference approval at 2025 ABC)
 - **Motion passes**¹
 - **Outcome:** The new C2 draft language (already approved by the Conference) shall go to FGV

Goals for the year ahead

- Work with FGV Team to move Concept 2 forward through the FGV process
- Continue drafting language for updates to Concepts 6 and 7
- Develop and distribute recommendations to better integrate the Concepts into the World Service Conference and the World Service Organization.

WSO Website - Repository URL of meeting minutes / reports

<https://acawso.org/concepts-study>

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¹ and subsequently cleared the Minority Opinion process in Jan 2026 CBM

ADDENDUM:

More detail regarding steps taken by the Concepts Committee after the Jan 2026 CBM to inquire and potentially assist the FGV Team with the new C2 language

- **November 20:** An email was sent to the FGV Team and the ABC Committee requesting clarification on the process for moving forward with the FGV for C2.
No response was received.
- **February 19:** A follow-up email was sent requesting an informal meeting to discuss initial steps for moving forward.
- **February 20:** A response was received acknowledging our email and requesting two weeks to gather additional information.
- **February 25:** The FGV Team responded indicating they are “*waiting for the results of Delegate review and confirmation of next steps at the 2026 ABC.*” They further advised that their current priority is completing the ongoing review and preparing for the ABC, and that they would look to schedule a meeting after the ABC is completed.
- **March 5:** An email was sent acknowledging the FGV Team’s response and requesting the opportunity to join an FGV Team meeting in order to formulate a progress/update report to the Conference, as directed.
- **March 18:** The FGV Team provided a list of items the committee could begin gathering in preparation. They also noted that it is important to complete the current work (Name Change Vote) and allow the 2026 ABC discussions to inform the timing and process for future Fellowship Group Votes. They expressed concern that initiating another FGV before completion of the current one could strain IT resources and volunteer capacity.