



Exercise: Familiarity with the 12 Concepts of World Service

Show of hands exercise:

Who is familiar with the 12 Concepts of World Service?



What are the Concepts and Why Should I Care?

What are the 12 Concepts of World Service all about? Why should I care?

- 12 Steps (Health of the PERSON)
- 12 Traditions (Health of the GROUP)
- 12 Concepts (Health of the WORLD SERVICES STRUCTURE):

The **Twelve Concepts of World Service** are fundamental principles that guide **how the World Services Organization (Board of Trustees, Board Committees and paid staff) is intended to function** and how it relates to the Fellowship – that is, how the different pieces of World Services fit together.

From the BRB (p 615)

“The Twelve Concepts keep our world services and groups focused on carrying a consistent ACA message while maintaining a service structure responsible to the fellowship voice. The Concepts help trusted servants discern the will of ACA and carry out the responsibilities granted by the fellowship.”



CONTEXT REFRESHER



Reminder: the new proposed Concept 2 language is getting ready to go to Fellowship Group Voting.



The Proposed New Language of Concept 2 (Already Conference-Approved)

“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.”





CONTEXT REFRESHER

**Q: Wait, I'm confused... If the new
Concept 2 language is already
Conference-approved**

... why is it now going to FGV?

... and what happens now?

Relevant Timeline

- **Concept 2 a Cornerstone of all Concepts:**
 - **2024 ABC:** Brought a Motion: “To support an informed Group Conscience process, the following language be approved by the Conference today for subsequent consideration and a **final** vote at the 2025 ABC as a replacement for the current Concept 2: “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 Passed**
 - **Feb 2025:** **Complication!** FGV mechanism is created at the (initially for the purposes of the Name Change, but understood at that time to have wider applicability)
 - **2025 ABC** – That the Conference grant **final** approval of the following Concept 2 to replace the current Concept 2: “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 Passed**

Activities and Tasks Completed Since the Last ABC

□ Concept 2 a Cornerstone of all Concepts (cont'd) :

- 9/2025 CBM – Given the new FGV process, and the question was unresolved as to *whether Conference approval was sufficient for a Concepts change, particularly for Concept 2 (which states the Fellowship delegates authority to the Conference)* ... although the Conference had approved the proposed new C2 language at the 2025 ABC, the Concepts committee felt it was our responsibility to present this question to the Conference itself
- **Brought a Motion:** *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 Passed***
- **1/2026 CBM – Minority Opinion did not Change the Vote**

Current Status of Concept 2

The new Concept 2 draft language shall go to FGV (even after having been approved by the Conference)

- We are about to begin collaborating with FGV Team on next steps for this item



Additional Activities


□ 2024-2025 ABC:

- Held 2 Town Halls regarding proposed new C2
- (While we were waiting for the proposed C2 to be discussed by Delegates with their groups) we pursued Research, Review, & Drafting Potential New Language for Concepts 6 & 7



Goals for 2026-2027

- **Work with FGV Team to Move Concept 2 through the FGV process**
- **Continue Drafting Language to Update Concepts 6 and 7**
- **Develop and Distribute Recommendations to Better Integrate the Concepts into the World Service Conference and the World Service Organization**



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