



Voice of the Fellowship

How You Can Support The Business Conference

TRAINING FOR MAY 6-7 ANNUAL BUSINESS CONFERENCE



Goals of Today's Training

OVERVIEW:

- 1) What is the ACA World Service Organization, and what is the Annual Business Conference?
- 2) How does the Conference work, and how do volunteers support it?
- 3) How else can you support the Conference and ACA WSO?

DETAILED EXPLANATION OF VOLUNTEER ROLES

QUESTIONS

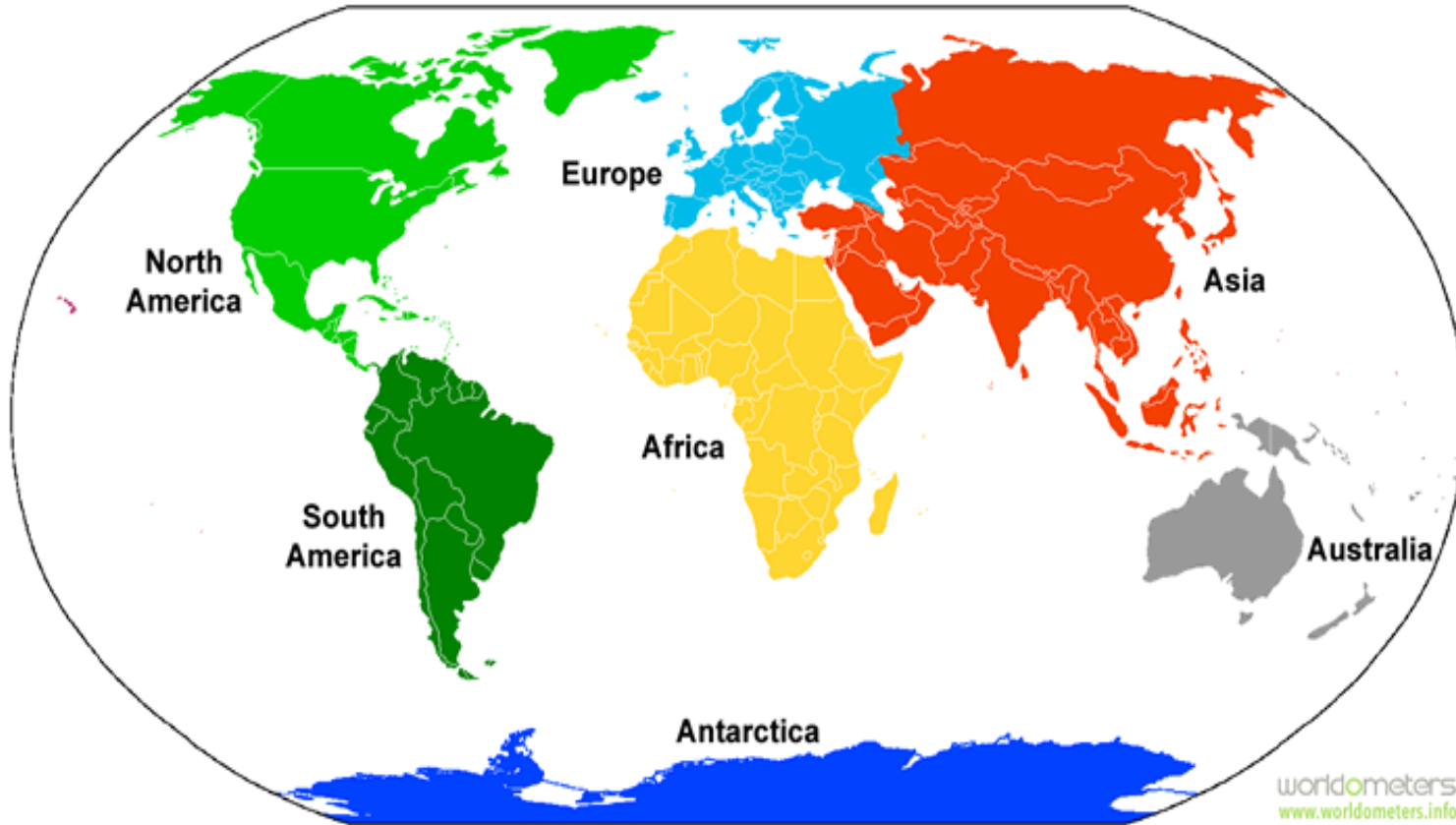


No Obligations

- 1) You already are serving by attending as a delegate
- 2) Service is voluntary
- 3) It is important to assess your readiness and self-care
- 4) If it is right for you, your help is welcome, but there are no obligations.
- 5) If you do express interest, you will have training and support. You always can change your mind, but you will not do this alone.

Emphasis Today Is on Education, Not Just Seeking Help

7 Continents



WSO=World Service Organization

World: 7.9 Billion (195)

Africa: 1.3 B	(54)
Asia: 4.6 B	(48)
Europe: 746 M	(44)
Russia: 144 M	(1)
N America: 579 M	(23)
S/C America: 612 M	(12)
Oceania/Antarctica: 43 M	(14)
UK: 56.2 M	(1)



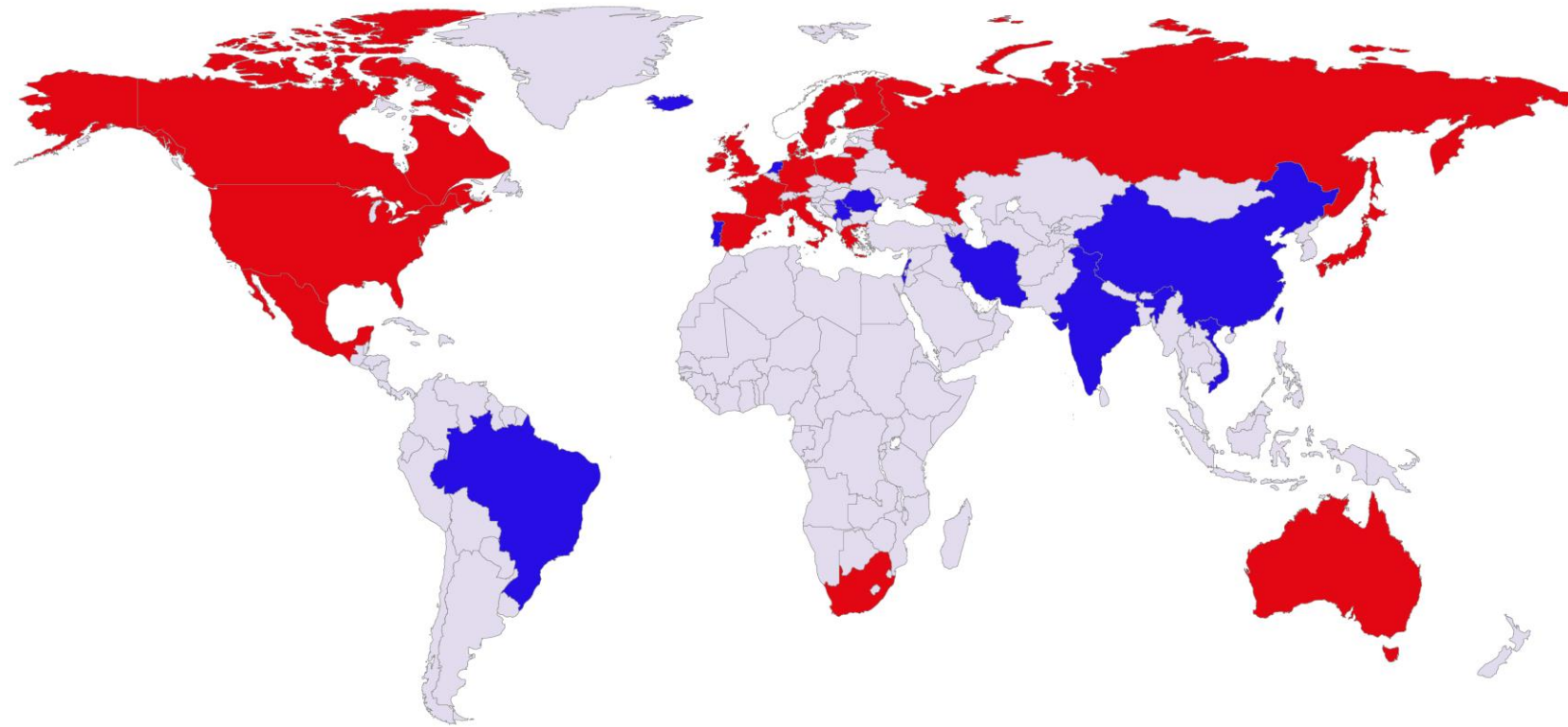
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2006 - 2023

25 Languages

42 Publications

126 Potential Formats



Languages

PUBLISHED

Danish
English
Finnish
German
Greek
French
Italian

Japanese
Lithuanian
Polish
Russian
Spanish - Castilian
Spanish - US
Swedish

IN PROGRESS

Afrikaans
Arabic
Farsi
Dutch
Chinese (Trad.)
Chinese (Simpl.)
Hebrew

Hindi
Icelandic
Portuguese
Romanian
Serbian
Vietnamese



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Future Print Hub with New Delivery Types and Regions





Other ACA WSO Services

- 1) Operate website**
- 2) Maintain meeting list**
- 3) Provide fellowship assistance on request**
- 4) Convene an Annual Business Conference (and now three additional Quarterly Delegate Meetings)**
- 5) Hold an ACA World Convention with recovery workshops**

What Is the Annual Business Conference?

- 1) All members of ACA shall be invited to attend the ABC, with each affiliated Meeting and Intergroup designating one voting delegate and an alternate.
 - 2) The group conscience obtained from the delegates in attendance shall provide direction, recommendations, and/or Special Committees to the Board for conducting the business of ACA WSO.
 - 3) Convene an annual conference where consideration regarding the business of ACA WSO occurs and priorities for the coming year are discussed and implemented when/where feasible.
 - 4) Ratify board trustees.
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What Is the Annual Business Conference?

Concept 2: “The actual voice, the effective conscience for our whole fellowship.”

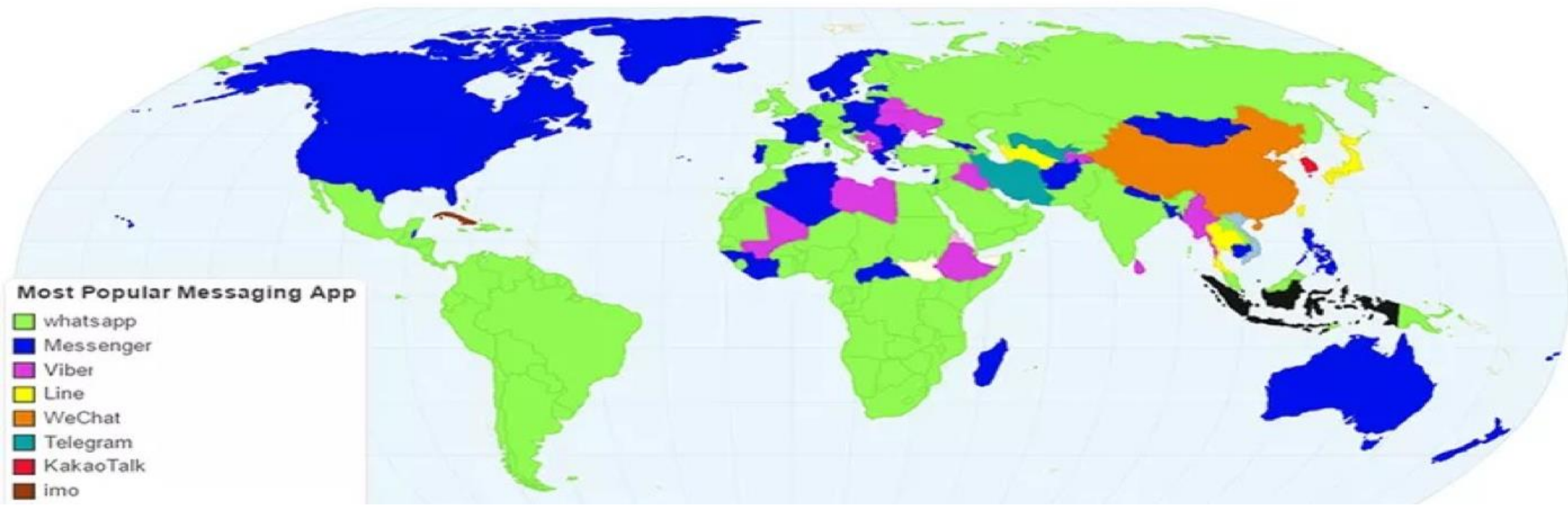
Concept 6: “Traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance.”

What Is the Annual Business Conference?

Tradition 4: “Each group is autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or ACA as a whole.”

ABC Focus is on WSO priorities and adherence to program principles, not on issuing directives to individual meetings, intergroups, etc.

We Do NOT Govern



ABC Delegates Represent the Entire World Fellowship



How Does the ABC Work?





How Does the ABC Work?

- 1) Reports on WSO and Conference business
- 2) Debate and vote on motions and proposals
- 3) Give input and make decisions about major policy and finance issues
- 4) Ratify board trustees



How Does the ABC Work?

- 1) Voting and discussion rules set out in policy manual (OPPM)
- 2) Emphasis on making sure all voices are heard (eg, time limits)
- 3) Group conscience discussion, with limited use of Robert's Rules of Order
- 4) Electronic voting
- 5) Virtual meetings on Zoom
- 6) Worldwide Online Voting



ABC: Volunteer Support Roles, Part 1

- 1) Conference Co-Chairs**
- 2) Conference Secretary**
- 3) Conference Parliamentarian**

These are high-level service positions and require some experience.



ABC: Volunteer Support Roles, Part 2

- 1) Speaker Time**
- 2) Session Timer**
- 3) Web and Tech support**
- 4) Point of Order Intake**
- 5) Point of Information Intake**
- 6) Speaker Timer**
- 7) Session Timer**



ABC Volunteer Roles, FAQ

- 1) **Why SHOULD I volunteer? Shouldn't personal recovery take priority?**
- 2) **How much experience do I need?**
- 3) **What do I have to do to prepare?**
- 4) **Will this affect my ability to serve as a delegate?**
- 5) **Do I have to be a volunteer for the whole two days?**
- 6) **Other**



How Else Can You Serve?

- 1) ABC/QDM Committee**
- 2) ABC/QDM Study Committees**
- 3) Communicate to your home group**
- 4) Stay active in Slack channel**
- 5) Explore other WSO committees and working groups (eg, literature/publishing; fellowship engagement; business operations; policy)**
- 6) Delegate engagement & training**



Questions





Next Steps & Contact Information

- 1) Express interest now via chat.
- 2) Charlie H on Slack
- 3) ABC@adultchildren.org





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