

Concepts 2 & 6

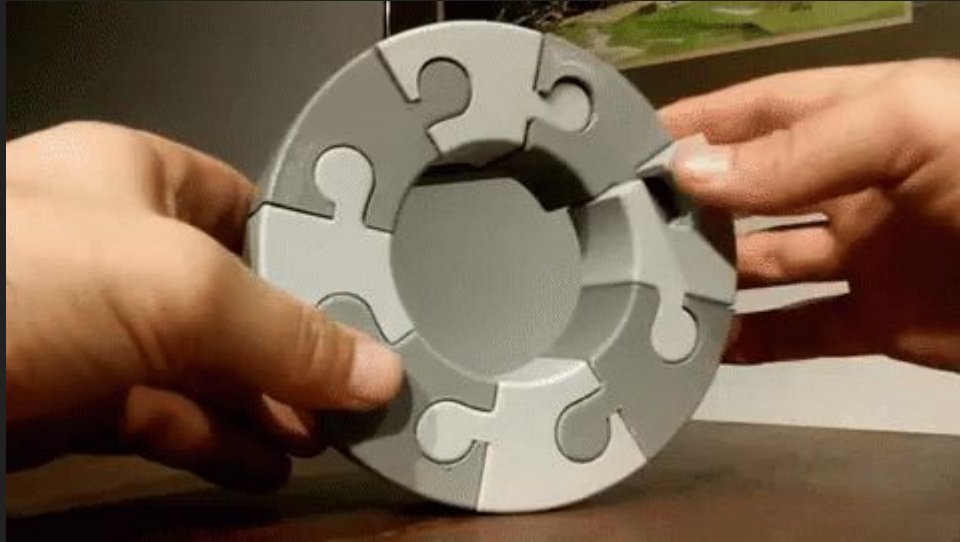
Study Group

Background and Context



What is this all about?

How the different pieces of World Service fit together



Quick History of the Committee (Or: How Did We Get Here?)



About the Concepts 2&6 Study

- **What is the Concepts 2&6 Study?**

- An ad-hoc committee of the WSO Board
- Created at the 2022 ABC by the Conference Delegates by Motion
 - *To create an ad-hoc committee that will study Concepts 2&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.*
- sustained/extended by the 2023 ABC and Feb 2024 QDM
- What got the ball rolling: a Ballot Proposal (an action of the Fellowship)

- **What is the Study's purpose?**

- To study and make potential recommendations for updates to Concept 2 and Concept 6

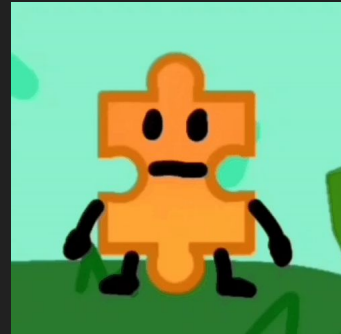
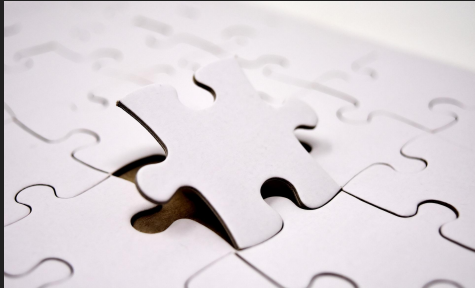
BIG IDEAS



Core Idea: **The Conference** - a critical piece of the puzzle

Q: What is **"The Conference"**?

- Each *Delegate* serves collectively with all the other Delegates at the *ABC* (and the *QDMs*) as "The Conference".
- *The thing you're in right now!*



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Q: What is the difference between the **Conference** as a meeting (the ABC/QDMs) vs the **Conference** as a Service Body?

- Suggestion from our study group: *to stop calling the events "Conferences" (Annual Business Conference, etc). Instead call the events "(annual/quarterly) business meetings of the Conference." Rationale being we think it's important for Delegates to understand the difference between the Conference as a meeting vs the Conference as a Service Body.*



OK...
So What are the Concepts All About
...and Why Should I Care?



Zooming Out...



Foundational Idea: The “3 Legacies”

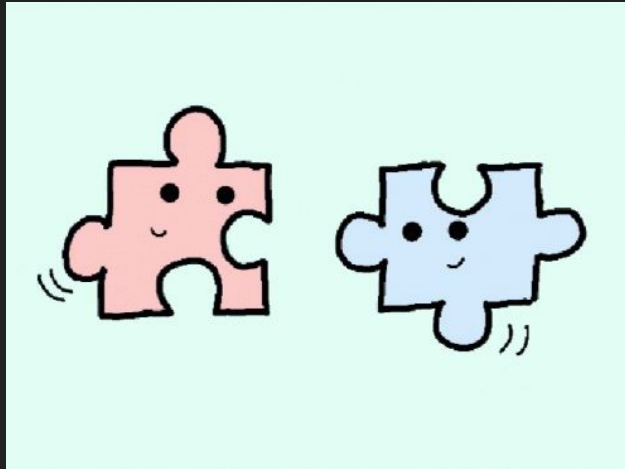
- **Recovery** through the **Twelve Steps**
- **Unity** through the **Twelve Traditions**
- **Service** through the **Twelve Concepts**

In Other Words:

- **Twelve Steps** (*Health of the **PERSON***)
- **Twelve Traditions** (*Health of the **GROUP***)
- **Twelve Concepts** (*Health of the **WORLD SERVICES***)

OK, so...What exactly are the Concepts?

The Twelve Concepts are twelve **statements of fundamental principles** that guide how the **various pieces of “World Service”** ought to **fit together and relate to one another.**



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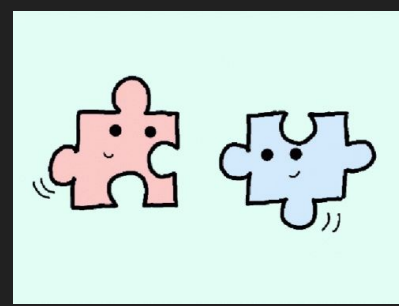
From the BRB (p 615)

*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**.*

PIECES OF WORLD SERVICE And How they Fit together



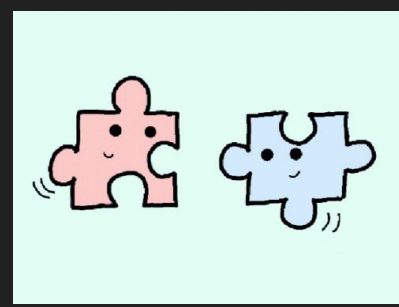
Pieces of World Service



The Pieces of “World Service”:

- The Fellowship
- The Conference
- The World Services Organization (WSO)

How should those puzzle pieces fit together?



Concepts as extension of **Tradition 2** – applied at the level of **World Services!**

Tradition 2: *For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as expressed in our **group conscience**. Our leaders are but **trusted servants**, they do not govern.*

How should those puzzle pieces fit together?

*How do we have the **functions** of **World Services**, which are carried out by the **trusted servants** of **World Service Organization** be guided by **group conscience** of the **Fellowship**??*

Concept I

The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for ACA World Services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship.

Guiding Principles: How should the puzzle pieces fit together

OK...well how are we supposed to take a **group conscience** of the entire **Fellowship??**

You don't – that would be impractical. Instead, the idea behind the Concepts is that the Fellowship **delegates** that function to the **World Service Conference** (what you're part of today!), which is intended to be a representative body for the Fellowship!

That's where Concept II comes in...

Guiding Principles: How should the puzzle pieces fit together

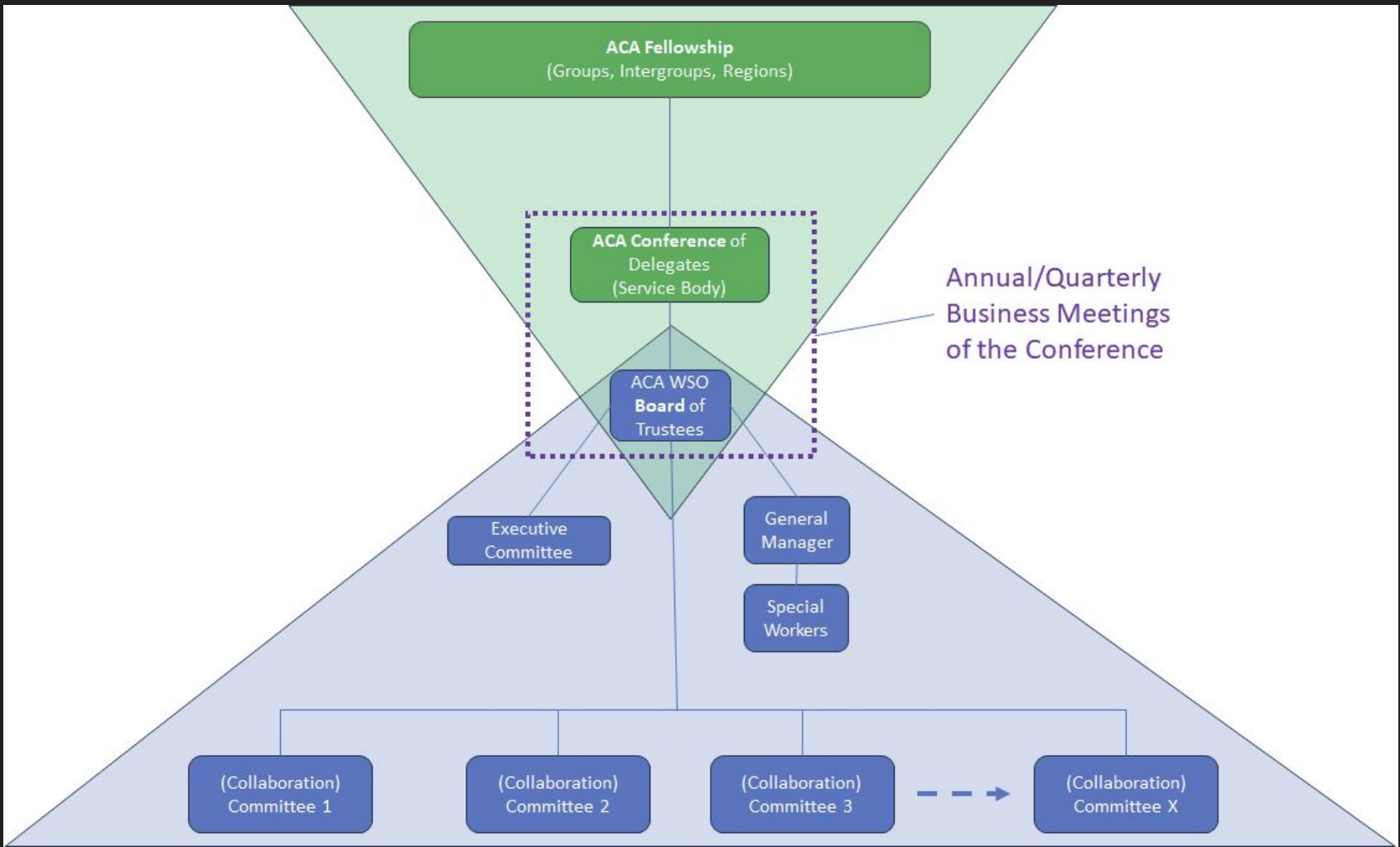
Concept II: Who speaks for the Fellowship?

(coming up next!)

Guiding Principles: How should the puzzle pieces fit together

Concept VI: How should Conference and WSO relate to each other?

(coming up right after that!)



ACA Fellowship
(Groups, Intergroups, Regions)

ACA Conference of Delegates
(Service Body)

ACA WSO Board of Trustees

Executive Committee

General Manager

Special Workers

(Collaboration) Committee 1

(Collaboration) Committee 2

(Collaboration) Committee 3

(Collaboration) Committee X

Annual/Quarterly Business Meetings of the Conference

In conclusion: Let's all continue learn more about the
Concepts!!

And pull on the thread: How do we all support having an
Informed Group Conscience at the Conference?

