

## Email 1 – Original Notice to Groups

Subject: Fellowship Group Vote on Proposed Name Change

**Attention:** Please discuss this information with your group as soon as possible to plan a business meeting to reach a group conscience on the proposed name change.

Dear ACA Group,

The Delegates at a World Services Business Conference have approved a Fellowship Group Vote on a proposal to formally change our Program's name. This is an important opportunity for your group to make its voice heard and to contribute to the Fellowship's group conscience.

### Proposed Name Change

**From:** Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA)

**To:** Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACAD)

Over time, ACA WSO has sometimes used the longer name “**Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families**” in our literature and on our website, even though the original program name has remained “**Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA)**.”

The Fellowship Group Vote will decide whether or not to officially adopt the longer name, **Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACAD)**.

This Fellowship Group Vote will provide greater opportunities to share opinions, helping us reach the widest possible group conscience.

### Voting Period

**Start:** October 1, 2025

**Ends:** January 31, 2026

**Length:** Four months

### Who Can Vote:

Only groups registered on the [WSO website](#) may vote. If your group is not listed, please [register your group](#). For purposes of voting, registrations will be updated monthly through to December 31, 2025.

Each registered group will be assigned a unique voting code.

### Town Halls/Forum

We will hold online Town Hall meetings:

October 4, 2025: 11:00 am ET, 9:00 pm ET

December 6, 2025: 11:00 am ET, 9:00 pm ET

January 17, 2026: 11:00 am ET, 9:00 pm ET

**Zoom link for the Town Halls**

<https://zoom.us/j/94640487526>

Meeting ID: 946 4048 7526

Passcode: 607305

### **Purpose of Town Halls/Forums**

To explain the Fellowship Group Voting process

To provide support for conducting an effective group conscience

To explain the WSO voting system for this Fellowship Group Vote

Please keep in mind:

- These Town Halls/Forums will not be about debating the name change itself. If you do not agree with the proposed change, the correct way to show that is to vote against it.
- Individual registered groups may have already started their internal discussion, including online polling, to determine their group conscience decision. However, this vote is not recorded until they submit their official vote.
- Official voting is only for registered groups, not individuals, and does not start until October 1, 2025, and lasts for four months, as noted above.
- Just prior to this official start date of October 1, 2025, WSO will be sending the unique code and voting link to each individual registered group.

### **Reminders**

This letter will be sent again about once a month during the voting period. The goal is to encourage all registered groups to take part in this important decision. Your group will be sent separate instructions on how to vote prior to October 1st.

Details about the Fellowship Group Vote are available at:

<https://adultchildren.org/fellowship-group-voting/>

Please share the attached flyer with your group and anyone else you know in the Program.

If you have any questions, email: [fgv@acawso.org](mailto:fgv@acawso.org)

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