

## WSC 2020 New Idea for Discussion

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We propose to discuss creating a process to advance New Ideas for Discussion prioritized at the prior conference that allows for:

1. Fellowship-wide feedback
2. Development of regional consciences
3. Multi-regional/Multi-zonal consensus-building and CAR motion collaboration

With the goal that New Ideas discussed at each WSC result in CAR motions or CAT project plans (if appropriate) at the subsequent WSC.

We propose that a virtual Workgroup is formed to use the output from these discussions and is given the directive to craft a CAR motion or CAT project plan which formalizes this procedure for inclusion in the 2022 CAR or CAT.

We have included with this proposal Appendix A, which elaborates on the New Idea above, and includes a potential outcome that has gained significant momentum within the NEZF, and with other regions outside of our zone. We have also included with this proposal Appendix B: a flowchart which provides a visual representation of our proposed solution.

**Intent:** To improve the effectiveness of the WSC by creating a formal mechanism to connect New Ideas discussed at each conference to old business in the subsequent conference.

### **Rationale by Maker:**

At WSC 2018, delegates submitted New Ideas for Discussion and prioritized the top four. In theory, the prioritized New Ideas discussed are the top four issues that our local fellowships asked our delegates to bring to the conference. We see two issues regarding how discussion of New Ideas is currently conducted:

1. The conference lacks an effective mechanism to advance New Ideas discussed and transform them into concrete actions during the subsequent conference cycle.
2. The current CAR motion process lacks an effective mechanism for building multi-regional/multi-zonal consensus on issues before they reach the conference. As the 2020 CAR notes, the current regional CAR motion process results in primarily independent ideas of single regions that have not had an opportunity to be workshopped throughout the fellowship prior to the release of the CAR.

This proposal asks the conference to discuss putting in place a process that could help solve both problems.

**Appendix A:  
Proposed Process for advancing New Ideas for Discussion between Conferences  
Beginning at WSC 2022**

1. Starting at WSC 2022, New Ideas for Discussion focus on framing each New Idea such that each could be workshopped in our local fellowship throughout the 2022-2024 conference cycle.
2. During New Idea discussions, or shortly after the conference, delegates and NAWS collaborate to create session profiles for each New Idea much like NAWS currently creates for Issue Discussion Topics.
3. Until January 2023, Delegates use these session profiles to workshop each New Idea in their local fellowship similar to how we workshop IDTs now, with the focus on collecting feedback and forming a regional conscience on each.
4. By February 2023, delegates and NAWS collaborate to compile and publish the feedback from all local workshops to all Conference Participants.
5. From February 2023 until the CAR motion submission deadline (August 2023), delegates collaborate at zonal forums, CP webinars, service symposiums and other multi-regional/multi-zonal events to craft CAR motion drafts related to each New Idea (if appropriate) for inclusion in the 2024 CAR.
6. CAR Motion drafts are presented and workshopped at CP webinars, and feedback is integrated into the drafts.
7. By the CAR motion submission deadline, finalized CAR motions are submitted that are a reflection of our fellowship conscience.
8. This process would be in addition to the current CAR motion submission process, we are not proposing that the current process be replaced.

# Appendix B: WSC 2020 New Idea for Discussion

