

What is a Zonal Forum?

Zonal forums are service oriented sharing and/or business sessions that provide the means by which NA communities can communicate, cooperate, and grow with one another?

Although not a part of NA's formal decision-making system, world services and zonal forums interact in many ways.

Zonal forums are invited to provide reports on the floor of the World Service Conference and, when requested by the conference, may also answer specific questions or address the body. In order to improve communications, they are provided with conference participant mailings and are requested to send their minutes to world services. World services typically attend zonal forum meetings and may provide funding for some participants' attendance at zonal forums. Maintaining effective communication between the zonal forums and world services is a high priority. In order to more effectively serve the fellowship, world services and zones should develop a partnership for the planning and conducting of the worldwide workshop system, and by assisting each other in the coordination of a variety of service efforts such as professional events and fellowship development activities.

At the World Service Conference in April our fellowship voted in favor of zonal delegation. In light of this, we (AZF) feel it is time for our zone to progress towards becoming a body that does more to support our regions. We discussed having 2 events per year. We feel it is time to set up a couple of elected positions at the AZF in order to have increased continuity and support in planning these events. The two positions that we are currently discussing are zonal facilitator and zonal secretary. Having these two trusted servants would allow the delegates to focus completely on our discussions and allow us to better serve our Zone. Up until now the AZF has been an information gathering body but we feel our fellowship's group conscience has guided us to do more. We are bringing you this information today in order to be sure our region would support this change. The costs would be born by the 6 regions that comprise the AZF and would approximately \$250 per year.