

Back at the 2018 NERAASA, as many of you probably remember, we took a vote for NERAASA to take its own inventory. I voted for this as you probably did, too. As a member of AA I know how important it is for each of us to take personal inventory, for our Home Groups to do it, and for Districts and Areas to do it, too. GSO took its own inventory a few years ago. Naturally, NERAASA should do this, too. The problem comes in figuring out how an Assembly that meets only once a year, and in a different place each time, to do this. So, a NERAASA Inventory Committee was formed and I have had the privilege of serving on it. We have seven members on the Committee plus the regular input from our NERD, Francis. We represent the Areas in the Northeast that have either recently hosted NERAASA or have already made accepted bids to do so.

One of our first questions was how to make this a real inventory and not just a survey of how you liked the most recent Assembly. Coming up with the questions, phrasing them as best we could, and getting them into some kind of order took several months, but we were finally satisfied. Then we had to decide how to ask them. We decided to have emails go out to everyone who gave an email address at the most recent NERAASAs. These went out in both English and Spanish and if you attended a NERAASA in the last few years you probably got them.

We sent out the Inventory to almost 1500 people and received answers from 353 people. This is a wonderfully high number and it really makes it possible to say that we have a true cross section of NERAASA attendees.

We are now going on to the next phase of the Inventory which is to have open discussions on the responses. If you would like to participate, we are going to have calls via zoom twice in January. Once on Sunday, January 24, from 2pm until 4pm. The second will be on Wednesday, January 27, from 7pm until 9pm. I hope you can join us on one of these calls and be an even bigger part of this Inventory.

In Fellowship and In Service,

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