

Ad Hoc Inventory Action Committee

The Area Committee Inventory

The Area Committee Inventory is a systematic self-evaluation by an Area Committee to assess how well it's fulfilling its purpose by reviewing its effectiveness, communication, adherence to Traditions and Concepts, and member engagement. This is often done using surveys and discussions to identify strengths and areas needing improvement in service to groups and the fellowship. It's a larger-scale version of a group inventory, focusing on service structure, not personal recovery, to ensure the Area functions effectively for the benefit of all local groups.

The Area 72 committee takes its inventory Friday night at January quarterly of the second year of the rotation, as a little "t" tradition. In recent rotations, we've done it as a large sharing session, where a facilitator asks questions and members of the Area Committee respond at the microphone. The inventory responses have then been shared via the quarterly minutes.

This Year's Inventory

This year, the Area Chairperson formed an ad hoc committee to prepare the questions and provide them to the Area Committee. There were 17 total questions. At the January quarterly, members were divided into 16 groups, with each group taking four of the questions and an optional fifth. The groups discussed their assigned questions for about 15 minutes, wrote their responses, and shared a selection of those responses at the microphone.

The questions asked about Unity & Fellowship; Communication & Participation; Leadership, Rotation, & Elections; Accessibility & Barriers; Technology & Innovation; Finance, Transparency, and Self-Support; and Spiritual Principles.

Inventory Follow Up

At the 2026 Area Committee Inventory, there was a question about the inventory process itself. Some responses indicated a desire to follow up on the inventory more than we've done so in the past. In response, the Area Chairperson formed an ad hoc action committee to review, summarize, and report the results of the inventory at the October assembly, and suggest action items.

The Area Committee Inventory produced 376 total responses, and the ad hoc committee has been meeting every other week since February to work through them. We presented a draft report at the July quarterly, which you can find on the Pre-Assembly documents page. The draft report is our distillation of the inventory responses. We look forward to sharing and discussing the final report with you at the Area Assembly in October.