## Hawaii Area 17

## Alcoholics Anonymous General Service **Standing Committee Report**

Date: October 19-20, 2024 Election Assembly

Standing Committee: Corrections

Person reporting and position: (Mike L., Corrections Committee Chair)

It has only been about 6 weeks since our Budget Assembly last month, so I hope this report will be fairly short. Thanks to Diamondhead District 1 here on O`ahu and everyone who helped hold this Election Assembly.

The Corrections Committee coordinates the service work to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the alcoholic who is in custody at a corrections or correctional facility. We met as scheduled on Monday October 7. There were only three of us. We continue to ge the word out to A.A. members that there are several ways to do corrections service.

Groups, or even Districts if they decide to, can purchase soft cover *Alcoholics Anonymous* books to send to the correctional facilities. Some Groups have been able to get approval for work-release program participants to attend their meetings. The A.A. Corrections Pre-Release Contact program matches an A.A. member on the outside with someone who is about to be released into their community. And the Corrections Correspondence program matches A.A.s who are willing to write to someone in custody to a person from another Area.

The Corrections Workbook is available online at AA.org:

<u>Corrections Workbook | Alcoholics Anonymous (aa.org)</u> You can read a pdf copy online or order a printed copy. I have an extra copy here for the first person who asks.

Our committee will meet two more times: Monday November 4 and Monday December 2 at 4:30-5:30 PM. Meeting code: 820 8005 1814; Pass code: 566 874. Our meeting is not only for the GSR members assigned to the Corrections Committee, but also those AAs who have been going into the correctional facilities, and those who might be interested in any 12-Step work to reach alcoholics who are in custody.

Since this is our last Assembly of Panel 73, I want to say a big Thank You to all of the Area Officers and past Delegates who did a great job for us the past two years. Thanks to all of you who have been participating in Area service.

I really appreciate the GSRs and a few other people who participated in the Corrections Committee. Thank you to all of you who have volunteered to take A.A. meetings into correctional facilities. Thank you also to those who have contributed for A.A. literature. Thank you to those of you who have welcomed

people who have been incarcerated into your A.A. Group or meetings and have shown them something attractive and given them hope for recovery. And if you haven't done any of those things yet, thank you for letting people know we can help others get and stay sober!

Please contact me with any questions or suggestions for the Corrections Committee. Thank you for letting me be of service.

**Congratulations and best wishes to our new Area Officers!** 

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- Mike L.