

2026 Hawaii Area 17 Inventory, Panel 75

Theme: Spirituality Preparing for Our Area Inventory

Date: January 24-25, 2026

Purpose of Area Inventory: Our Area Inventory is not just a process-it's a spiritual exercise. Together, we pause to reflect honestly on what is working and where we can grow guided by spiritual principles of unity and humility, In this way, we prepare our Area to better serve the still suffering Alcoholic.

Practical Suggestions with Personal Commitment:

Pages 1-2: To prepare spiritually and personally for the Hawai'i Area 17 Inventory Assembly, we invite you to:

1. Engage with the suggested readings below- these spiritual guidelines will help you reflect on honesty, humility and unity in service.
2. Answer the personal inventory questions- these questions are designed to guide your reflection on your service and your personal commitment to serving in your position.

Pages 3-7: To be completed at the Assembly- on Day 1, we will have quiet time to reflect and take an inventory of our specific service positions.

- GSR, General Service Representative, *page 3*
- DCM, District Committee Member, *page 4*
- SCC, Standing Committee Chair, *page 5*
- Area Officers, *page 6*
- Intergroup Chairs, *page 7*

Page 8-9 Complete Before the Inventory Assembly

- All members: Review and complete the Area Inventory questions and bring your responses to the Assembly to participate in discussion. (SEE area17aa.org for full inventory)
- GSR's: Share the AREA portion of the questions with your homegroup, gather feedback, and bring it to the Assembly to contribute to the discussion.
- The Inventory Results: This inventory will highlight our successes and areas for improvement, guiding us to make thoughtful changes and implement improved practices to serve Hawai'i Area 17 more effectively.

Suggested Readings:

- Big Book-Chapter 5: "How it Works" (pp.58-60) **Focus:** The importance of honesty, willingness, and thoroughness in personal and group reflection. This reading reminds us that careful, honest self-assessment is the foundation of growth in recovery and service.
- 12 Steps & 12 Traditions- Tradition One (pp 129-131) **Focus:** Unity and the common welfare. Our personal reflections and service contributions support the fellowship.
- Twelve Concepts for World Service- Concept 12, Warranty Five (pp 61-62, Service Manual/Concepts) **Focus:** Protecting A.A's spiritual foundation by remaining democratic, avoiding accumulation of wealth, power, and prioritizing service over prestige.

Hawaii Area 17 Pre Inventory Questions

Personal Inventory Questions

To be completed on your own

1. What motivates me to be in Service? Is it a desire to carry the message? ego-driven? both? Why did I stand for the position I serve today?
2. Do I regularly do an inventory on myself and my motives in regards to my service work?
3. Am I familiar with the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts? Do I work to apply them not only in my service position but in all of my affairs?
4. Am I responsible to my service position?
 - a. Do I know what my duties are?
 - b. Do I practice Step Ten's suggestion – "love and tolerance of others is our code" in carrying out these duties?
 - c. Do I ask for help when I see that I am unable to fulfill my duties? d. Do I perform my duties in a timely manner, or do I find that I have a pattern of procrastination?
5. Am I working towards Bill W's suggestion of accepting criticism from others with grace, while keeping an open mind on their comments?
6. Do I accept the group conscience? Do I work to carry it out or do I feel that I need to push for my point of view?
7. Do I hold AA's unity as a high priority in my service work?
8. Do I allow other "trusted servants" serving in AA to grow into their job or am I quick to criticize?

Pre-Inventory

General Service Representative (GSR)

To be completed at the Assembly Day 1

1. Connection to Homegroup:
 - How am I carrying the voice of my homegroup to the wider fellowship, and bringing back the spirit of unity to my group?
 - If I cannot make an Area Assembly, District Meeting, or Home Group Conscience meeting, do I take the responsibility of making sure my alternate GSR or another representative from my home group will be there?
2. Participation in Service:
 - How do I take part in service with the Spirit of Aloha, making myself available to learn, share, and grow with others across the islands?
3. Communication & Unity:
 - In what ways am I helping to strengthen the bridges of communication and trust between my group, my district, and the rest of Hawaii?
4. Cultural Awareness:
 - How do I practice respect and openness toward the diverse cultures, traditions, and island communities that make up A.A. in Hawai'i?
5. Carrying the Message:
 - Do I make regular announcements at A.A group meetings on information about the work that area and districts are doing to carry the message?
6. Spiritual Responsibility:
 - How do I bring the principles of aloha, humility, patience, and honesty into my service as a trusted servant?
7. Reflection on Effectiveness:
 - What challenges do I face in fulfilling my role as a GSR, and what support from my 'ohana in service would help me carry out this responsibility?
 - Am I familiar with the "Right of Decision," "Right of Participation" and "Right of Appeal" in the concepts?

Pre-Inventory

District Committee Members (DCM)

To be completed at the Assembly: Day 1

1. How well am I serving as link between my district's GSR's and the Area Assembly?
2. Do I make myself accessible and available to the GSR's and homegroups I my district?
3. In what ways am I helping groups understand and practice A.A.'s Traditions and Concepts of Service?
4. Do take time to orient new GSR's on their position, responsibilities, role in District and Area meetings and to bring them up to speed on the issues which will be discussed at the next Area meeting?
5. Do I communicate Area information clearly and in a timely manner to the groups in my district?
6. What else can I do to help the GSR's make interesting reports to their groups about District and Area's work and do I encourage them to bring members of their group to the District meetings?
7. What addition steps could I suggest to the District to help the GSR's become familiar with the AA Service Manual, Box 459, the 12 Traditions, the 12 Concepts, the Guidelines from GSO and other Conference approved books and literature?
8. In what ways can I share responsibilities and information with my alternate so that we both can grow in service together. Am I ensuring that my alternate is well informed and ready to step in if needed?

Pre-Inventory

Area Standing Committee Chairs (SCC)

To be completed at the Assembly: Day 1

1. How well am I fulfilling the purpose of my committee in carrying the message of A.A. to the fellowship and beyond?
2. In what ways am I encouraging participation, diversity, and inclusivity in committee work across the islands?
3. Am I creating opportunities for A.A. members to become involved in service through my committee's activities?
4. Do I provide timely reports and updates to keep the Area informed of my committee's work?
5. What can I do to strengthen cooperation, unity and collaboration between my committee and the rest of the Area?
6. How am I welcoming, encouraging, and guiding the GSR's who serve on my committee so they feel included and valued?
7. Are there additional steps my committee can take to encourage every group in the area to have a representative on my committee?
8. Is prudent financial responsibility a priority in my committee's spending decisions?

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Area Officers

To be completed at the Assembly: Day 1

1. What else can I do to promote growth and harmony in our Fellowship? What else can I do to inform the Area about the Conference structure and the current issues now being discussed?
2. Have I reviewed and done a personal inventory on my performance of my duties, as defined the AA Service Manual? if I need help, do I ask for it?
3. What steps am I taking to let the groups and the Districts know that I am readily available to the fellowship to offer my experience, strength and hope with them? Does the DCM receive all written reports in time to share them with the GSRs prior to next Area event?
4. Do I constantly keep in mind Bill W's advice to Trusted Servants? • "give no spiritual advice, judge no one's conduct, issue no orders" • "Our leaders do not drive by mandate: they lead by example" • "A leader in AA service is a man (or woman) who can personally put principles, plans and policies into such dedicated and effective action that the rest of us want to back him up and help him with his job" • "Good leadership originates plans, policies and ideas for the improvement of our Fellowship and its service" but also "remember that a fine plan or idea can come from anybody, anywhere. Consequently good leadership will often discard its own cherished plans for others that are better and it will give credit to the source" • "Good leadership never passes the buck"
5. What steps am I taking to work on the important aspects of having "the ability to compromise cheerfully: and, at the same time, knowing when it is "truly necessary to stick flat-footed to one's convictions about an issue until it is settled."?
6. Who am I? The "elder statesman" or the "bleeding beacon", as Bill W. writes in Tradition Two in the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.

"The elder statesman is the one who sees the wisdom of the group's decision, who holds no resentment over his reduced status, whose judgment, fortified by considerable experience, is sound, and who is willing to sit quietly on the sidelines patiently awaiting developments. The bleeding deacon is one who is just as surely convinced that the group cannot get along without him, who constantly connives for reelection to office, and who continues to be consumed by self-pity."

Pre-Inventory

Intergroup

To be completed at the Assembly: Day 1

1. Primary Purpose:
 - How effectively is the intergroup serving the groups and member in our Hawaii area?
2. Unity:
 - How inclusive and welcoming are our intergroup activities and services to all members?
 - In what ways are we fostering cooperation and connection among groups, districts and members across Hawaii?
3. Communication:
 - Are we providing clear and timely information to the groups we serve?
 - How effective are we in keeping the fellowship informed about Intergroup services, events, and needs?
4. Participation:
 - How are groups including all members encouraged and supported to take part in Intergroup service?
 - How well do we listen to and address the needs and concerns of local groups?
 - How are we fostering unity and cooperation among groups, districts, and area?
5. Traditions:
 - How well do we align our practices and decisions with A.A. Twelve Traditions?
6. Diversity and Inclusion:
 - Are we attentive to the cultural, geographic, and spiritual diversity unique to Hawai'i in our outreach and service?
 - What can we do to improve the intergroup's role in carrying the A.A. message and supporting recovery in Hawaii?
7. Spiritual Growth:
 - How is our Intergroup helping to strengthen recovery, unity, and service for the members who participate?

2025-2026 Hawaii Area 17 Inventory

A. Area Purpose and Focus

1. How well does the Hawaii Area Assembly body support all islands and districts in carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers?
2. Are the Committees goals and initiatives aligned with the primary purpose of AA and the unique needs of our fellowship?
3. Do members feel the Committee provides clear guidance, and resources to groups and trusted servants across the islands?

B. Participation and Safety

1. Do all members of the Area Committee feel encouraged and safe to participate in Committee/Assembly meetings and discussions?
2. Are the voices and perspectives of all members respected and considered in the Committees decision-making, even when decisions are made using Simple Majority or Substantial Unanimity?
3. How effectively does the Committee support all members in fulfilling their roles and contributing the Area's service goals?

C. Area Dynamics & Communication

1. How effectively does the Committee communicate information between Area Officers, Standing Committee Chairs, DCM's, Webmaster, GSR's and the wider fellowship?
2. Are disagreements or differences of opinion handled respectfully and constructively within the Committee?
3. Do members of the Committee work together effectively to support the Area's goals and serve the groups?

D. Role Clarity & Engagement (Hawaii Area Committee includes- Area Officers, Standing Committee Chairs, District Committee Members, and General Service Representatives)

1. Do members take ownership of their roles and responsibilities within the Area Committee?
2. Are members actively contributing to the Committees work beyond their basic duties?
3. Do members transition smoothly between roles and focus on their own responsibilities while supporting the Area's overall work?

E. Looking Forward

1. What opportunities does the Area see in the upcoming year, to strengthen service, communication, and support to groups?
2. How can the Area better support members in understanding and using the AA Concepts and Traditions effectively in their service roles?
3. In what ways can we ensure that our 7th Tradition contributions are being used prudently and in line with A.A.'s primary purpose?