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Beyond Language, Culture & Geography: Sobriety Within Everybody's Reach

North/South Special Forum about Remote Communities

We invite you to join with us as we stretch the virtual hand of A.A. from Canada and the United States to the furthest reaches of South America, on Saturday July 16, 2022, from 11:00am to 7:00-pm EDT.

Please see the attached Flyer and memo regarding the Special Forum.

If you have any questions, please contact the Regional Forums desk at GSO at the following email/phone: northsouthconnections@aa.org 212-870-3400

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"Beyond Language, Culture and Geography: Sobriety Within Everybody's Reach."

Alcoholics Anonymous® North/South Virtual Special Forum about Remote Communities

Interpretation available in English, French and Spanish. The event will be open to all members.

Registration and agenda information to follow.

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Our Special Forum on July 16, co-ordinated by the US/Canada General Service Office, builds on the success of the first North/South Forum held in May 15 of 2021. Three AA service structures and four countries are involved in the planning, and we welcome our friends to the south, Argentina and Chile, as partners in the project. Members of the Fellowship in each of those countries face many of the same challenges as are faced in remote areas and communities of North America in terms of connecting to other A.A. members, other groups, their Areas and A.A. as a whole. This Special Forum opens the definition of "remote" to include the challenges of not just geography (which was the focus of the May event), but also of language and of culture.

The main objective is to bring members throughout our home "zone" together for direct sharing of experience, strength and hope.

There will be three, two-hour sessions, with topics being considered including "AA's Language of the Heart", "Hidden Communities: How Do We Find Them", and "Strengthening our Structure Through Connections". There will be Q & A sessions after every panel, as well as videos from all four of the participating partner countries. English, French and Spanish interpretation will be available.

As the topics are being developed, and the program is confirmed, we will be "speakerseeking" throughout the US and Canada. We are also pleased that there will be broad opportunity to attend the event on July 16. We encourage everyone who can, to attend! Registration and agenda information will be available on aa.org. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact the Regional Forums desk at GSO at the following email/phone: <u>northsouthconnections@aa.org</u> 212-870-3400

The use of virtual technology is allowing us an unprecedented opportunity to share with our fellow members in a very profound way. We look forward to joining with you in extending the hand of AA up and down the shared degree of latitude between the north and the south.

