

# How to Form an Area Intergroup

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If you want your registered GSA group to have a voice during the preparations leading to the first GSA World Service Conference in August 2010, your GSA group must join an intergroup and elect an Area Delegate by September 7, 2009.

Your Area Delegate will represent your Intergroup at the World Service Conference in August 2010. He or she will also serve on one or more Standing Conference Committees that will be developing proposals about how GSA manages every aspect of operation, including finances, public information, meetings, literature, the WS Conference, who will serve on the Board of Trustees and more.

If there are at least five registered GSA meetings operating in your geographical area, you can form your own Area Intergroup. An Area intergroup typically includes between 5 and 20 registered GSA meetings. For more about intergroups, go here <http://www.greysheet.org/cms/intergroup-areas.html>.

Here's what to do:

1. Double check to see if there is already a functioning Intergroup in your area.
  - a. If you live in the Southeast U.S., Northeast U.S., New York, Iceland, Israel, Connecticut, the United Kingdom or participate in Phone Meetings, you are already served by an intergroup. Contact the Board liaison in your area for more information. <http://www.greysheet.org/cms/intergroup-areas.html>
  - b. If you live in the Pacific U.S., an intergroup is forming. Contact the intergroup organizer at [marycross@aol.com](mailto:marycross@aol.com).
  - c. Intergroups need to be formed in the Southwest U.S., Massachusetts, Midwest U.S., Canada, Mexico, Europe, Asia/Africa/Australia and Japan. For more information, contact the Board liaison for your area or the WS Conference chair at [gsawsconference2010@gmail.com](mailto:gsawsconference2010@gmail.com).
2. If there is no functioning Intergroup in your area, consider starting your own. Keep in mind that the intergroup areas listed above and shown on <http://www.greysheet.org/cms/intergroup-areas.html> are merely suggested. If your city or state has at least five registered GSA meetings, consider forming an own intergroup that will serve your city/state and send a Delegate to the WS Conference.
3. Visit <http://www.greysheet.org/cms/face-to-face-meetings.html> to see if there are other registered GSA meetings in your geographical area. If you live in an area with less than five registered meetings, consider joining with GSRs from meetings in nearby states to create your intergroup.
4. Note the contact info on the GSA meeting list for GSRs in the area where you want to start your intergroup.

5. Invite all GSRs in your area to an intergroup organizational meeting. Hold your meeting either in person or on the phone bridge.
  - a. Schedule your phone meetings at [www.freeconference.com](http://www.freeconference.com), a simple and free phone bridge service that takes just a few minutes to master.
  - b. To see examples of invitation emails, agendas and minutes for your organizational meetings, go to <http://www.greysheet.org/cms/intergroup-areas.html> . Use what you like!
6. Get help with your organizational meetings via phone bridge if you need it. Email Gayla, the WS Conference Committee Chair, at [gsawsconference2010@gmail.com](mailto:gsawsconference2010@gmail.com) if you need help planning, conducting or recapping your meeting.

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