

Berkshire Intergroup News

September 2023

Anniversaries:

Northern Berkshire Group	September 17	John B (24 yrs)
Lee Young People's	September 25	Jimmy T (1 yr)
Southern Berkshire Group	September 29	Dan U (16 yrs), Michael H (16 yrs) Jamie M (23 yrs), Peter K (48 yrs)
Keep It Simple Group (in-person)	September 30	Mark C (40 yrs)

Recent meeting changes*

Change of Status:

Great Barrington Women's Group Thursday, 7:00 pm *IN-PERSON ONLY*
First Congregational Church, 251 Main Street, Great Barrington

NEW In-Person Meeting Beginning October 1:

Conscious Contact Sunday, 7:30 pm Open Speaker/Discussion
Meditation & 11th Step. First Congregational Church, 125 Main Street, Sheffield, MA

* To help keep meeting listings as accurate as possible, please send an email to berkshireaaintergroup@gmail.com.

Events:

The 11th Step in Action: A Spiritual Retreat

September 23, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Christ Trinity Church, 180 Main Street, Sheffield
Suggested contribution: \$20. To register go to berkshireaaintergroup.org website "Events"

District 6: Traditions Workshop

September 30, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Hazardville United Methodist Church, 330 Hazard Ave, Enfield, CT

Area 31 Fall Assembly

October 14, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Area inventory, October 15, 1:00 to 5:00 Business meeting and elections. St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, 1023 Parker Street, Springfield
Hybrid on Zoom: Saturday: ID 842 2474 9706 Passcode: 139004
Sunday: ID 827 9049 6140 Passcode: 993398

Men's 12th Step Group: Annual Spaghetti Dinner

October 17, 6:30 pm. St. Charles Church, 89 Briggs Ave, Pittsfield
FREE with Potluck dessert table, AA and Al-Anon speakers

Joy of Service

October 21, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, First Reformed Church, 52 Green St., Hudson, NY
Hybrid event: Zoom ID 897 9038 8323, Passcode 118669

Massachusetts State Convention

November 10-12, Sturbridge Host Hotel, 366 Main Street, Sturbridge
Call the hotel directly (508) 347-7393 so the convention can get credit for the reserved room block. When booking, mention the Mass State Convention to get the \$127 (plus tax) per night room rate. Registration and meal costs will remain the same as last year.
Hybrid planning meeting: September 26, 7 pm. Zoom ID: 815 7599 9333 Passcode: 112023
A carpool leaves the bowling alley/Mercedes parking lot on Burnett Road in Chicopee at 6:15.

2025 International Convention: "90 Years: Language of the Heart"

July 3-6, 2025, Vancouver, BC, Canada. General registration and housing information will be available on the International Convention webpage in early 2024.

Interested?

An effort is underway to start an LGBTQ+ meeting in the Pittsfield area. If you are interested, email berkshireaaintergroup@gmail.com. Put LGBTQ+ in the subject line.

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Ongoing:**Concepts Meeting**

1st Thursday, 7:30 pm. United Methodist Church, 30 Carew Street, South Hadley, Hybrid

District 3 Traditions Meeting

2nd Sunday at 7:00 pm. Zoom ID: 842 7414 8976, Passcode: 816033

Links to recordings of past speakers can be obtained by writing district3@area31aa.org.

Next *Intergroup* meeting: October 9, 7 pm. Zoom ID: 876 1377 6813, Passcode: 306885

Next *District 3* meeting: October 20, 7 pm. Zoom ID: 830 1542 5561, Passcode:043735

General Service Contributions:

Contributions can be made online through aa.org or by mail to: P.O. Box 2407, James A. Farley Station, New York, NY 10116-2407. Make checks out to: General Service Board.

To contribute online, go to aa.org and scroll under Inside A.A.

An interesting note: It costs \$2.93 to process online contributions and \$5.60 if sent by mail.

Opportunities for Service:**Berkshire Institutions Committee**

There is a strong need for A.A. meetings to be brought in to McGee, CSS, Jones 3 and the Berkshire County House of Corrections. Institutions reps are encouraged to attend committee meetings held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 8:30 pm. Zoom ID: 815 4091 3682, Passcode: serenity. For more information email berkshireaainstitutions@gmail.com.

Intergroup Office:

The Intergroup office is open Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm and the first Saturday of the month from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

On Saturdays, if the door is not open, call the Intergroup office number.

It is suggested that visitors always **CALL AHEAD** to make sure someone is there.

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News and announcements can be sent to berkshireintergroupnews@gmail.com.

For the next issue, please send news and announcements by Monday, October 9.