

# Corrections

# Committee on Corrections

## Advisory Action

The committee recommended that the revised draft pamphlet "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell" be approved.

*Passed unanimously*



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The committee recommended that the pamphlet "A Message to Corrections Professionals" be revised with the following changes:

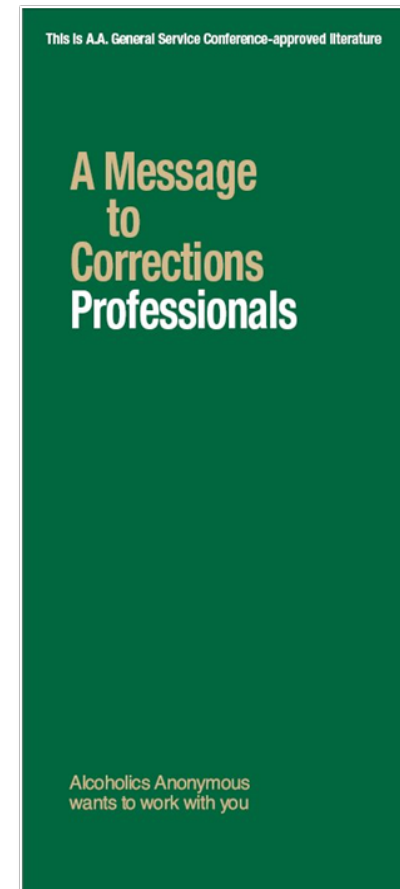
1. Replace the first paragraph under the section "Release and paroles" with the following paragraph from page six of the pamphlet "A.A. in Correctional Facilities":

One point which usually needs to be explained is why inmates have any need of A.A. while they are incarcerated. The answer is that the A.A. program is far more than staying away from alcohol. A.A. has been called a way of life, and its success in groups that meet in custody and shows that this program can help the alcoholic inmate live a sober and contented life, both in prison and after release.

2. Change the title of the section currently called "Release and paroles" to "Re-entry and Parole."
3. The current statement regarding "Singleness of Purpose" in the last paragraph be revised with wording that is consistent with the description of the difference between Open and Closed meetings in the pamphlet "The A.A. Group" on page 13, to read as follows (changes in bold):

Some professionals refer to alcoholism and drug addiction as "substance abuse" or "chemical dependency." Nonalcoholics are, therefore, sometimes introduced to A.A. and encouraged to attend A.A. meetings. **Nonalcoholics** may attend *open* A.A. meetings **as observers**, but only those with a drinking problem may attend *closed* A.A. meetings.

Question called. vote: 60 in favor, 67 opposed. Minority opinion expressed and motion to reconsider passed. Motion to amend, striking part 3, failed. Friendly amendments accepted, question called, passed by substantial unanimity.

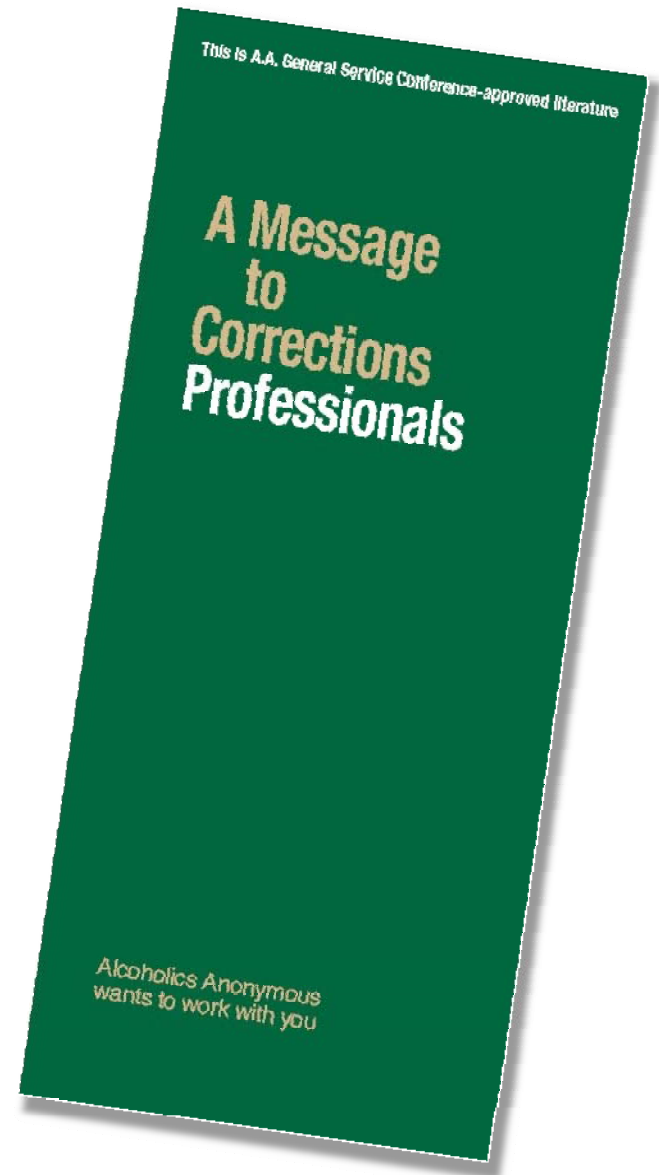


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## **Advisory Action**

The committee recommended that the section "A.A. in correctional facilities" be deleted and asked that a draft replacement section be brought back to the 2013 Conference Committee on Corrections.

*Passed by substantial unanimity*



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The committee recommended that the video "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell," be remade in order to accurately reflect current-day life in correctional facilities, while retaining the original message and intent consistent with A.A. Traditions, at a cost not to exceed \$75,000.

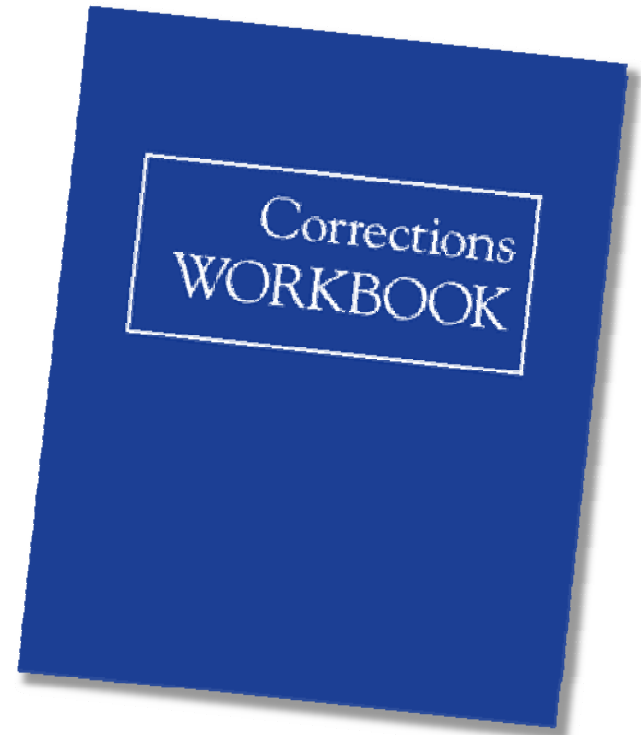
*Failed by substantial unanimity*



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## Additional Consideration:

- The committee reviewed with appreciation the work of the trustees Committee on Corrections with regards to the Corrections Kit and Workbook, and forwarded a list of suggested changes in the Workbook to the Publications Department.



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The committee elected Janet S.-C., delegate for Southern New Jersey, Area 45, chairperson, and Brian M., delegate for Idaho, Area 18, alternate chairperson.

# Questions?

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