

November 17, 2022

Hello Maine Al-Anon –

Thank you to all the members who participated in the multi-year initiative\* to determine Maine’s perspective on the wording of Al-Anon’s Steps and Traditions. From the Thought Force, to the Task Force, to voting at group level, the Maine Area gathered a substantial view of members’ beliefs about the use of male pronouns and the word “God” in our Legacies.

Here are the combined results from all nine districts in Maine:

93 active registered Al-Anon groups received the letter/voting packet✦

67 groups returned the Group Response form (ballot)

Of those that returned their ballot:

34 groups voted to **support** the effort to modify the Legacies

26 groups voted **not to support** the effort to modify the Legacies

7 groups choose **not to express** their group conscience

In summary, 36.5% voted to support modifying the Legacy wording. That number is less than the required 75% written consent of the 93 Al-Anon groups in Maine. Extrapolate these results to the 24,000 Al-Anon groups in 118 countries and the daunting prospect of changing the wording of Al-Anon’s Legacies becomes apparent.®

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As a reminder, please read Al-Anon's Steps and Traditions as written and copyrighted. Doing so ensures unity and protects one of the most valuable aspects of our fellowship, the Legacies.

In the spirit of Concept One & Concept Seven as well as the guidelines from the Conference Charter, we mailed the original 67 Group Response forms to Lynette K., the current Chair of the Board of Trustees at Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. ✱

We welcome any questions or comments you may have at [chair@maineafg.org](mailto:chair@maineafg.org).

Thank you for your participation, allowing your voices to be heard.

Sincerely,  
Maine Area World Service Committee (AWSC)

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\*All elements of this process are available at:  
[www.maineafg.org/archives](http://www.maineafg.org/archives)

✦ The voting packet was mailed to each Al-Anon group with a Current Mailing Address (CMA) listed in the World Service Office database.

⊗ The 2022-2025 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual (pg 228) contains sections 3d & 3e of the Conference Charter that outline the process for changing the wording of the Legacies.

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