



Northern Illinois Area, Ltd.

Ray Mengler
Chairperson

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Attached is the flyer and Preliminary Agenda for the 2009 NIA Fall Assembly. The Assembly will be held on September 12 at the Church of the Brethren, 409 W. Brayton Road, Mt. Morris IL 61054.

As you know, this Fall Assembly includes the Panel 60 NIA Area Elections, which will begin at approximately 9:30 AM. Please remember that one must be present to stand for a position. I am attaching the NIA Duties and Responsibilities document and ask that you distribute it for review by those who may wish to stand for a position at the Assembly. The agenda also includes the normal committee breakout sessions, reports and the motions that were discussed and presented for distribution at the Summer Committee meeting. I have enclosed those motions for your convenience. In addition, we will be accepting bids from districts stepping up to host the 2011 NIA Spring Conference. Those Conference Guidelines are also enclosed.

I am asking DCMs to make sufficient copies of the attached flyer, agenda and motions so that GSRs and others from your districts can familiarize themselves and discuss the motions with their Home Groups in advance of the Assembly. With the election the agenda is a particularly full one. This effort to prepare those in attendance will hopefully allow things to move more expeditiously.

Two committees, Finance and Service Structure, have asked for time to present to the Assembly the current status of their work and invite questions and comment. If the election process runs smoothly and we find ourselves ahead of the schedule I have laid out, I will offer some additional time to those committees in the course of their normal reporting. Our Area Treasurer has already indicated that the Finance breakout session will focus on the questions that were raised by the committee in their report at the Summer Committee meeting. I am enclosing that report with this letter and would encourage anyone interested in sharing their thoughts with that committee to participate in that breakout.

Please encourage those in your district to join us and participate in this vital process of electing our Area trusted servants for the next two years of service.

Yours in service,

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