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## From the Addiction & Recovery Taskforce: Recovery Texts

The Task Force has Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Narcotics Anonymous (NA), and Recovery Dharma textbooks to offer for people who want to better understand addiction, see what recovery is about, perhaps begin their own journey, or give to someone who may be in need. The books are free, but there is a limited supply – First come, first serve! Please email: [psec.ar.taskforce@gmail.com](mailto:psec.ar.taskforce@gmail.com) and indicate which book you would like.

NA Basic Text: A book that is intended as a complete textbook for every addict seeking recovery, describing the NA program and how it works. It includes the spiritual principles, the NA Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, as well as many personal stories of people who have found freedom from addiction through Narcotics Anonymous.

AA Big Book: A book that details the cornerstone concepts of recovery from alcohol addiction, explains the A.A. program, the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, the history of A.A., and tells the stories of men and women who have overcome the disease by sharing their personal experiences.

Recovery Dharma: This book describes a way to be free from the suffering of addiction using Buddhist practices and principles. The program is based on the idea that everyone is their own guide in recovery from addiction, with the help and understanding of wise friends and sangha (community).

## Possible Merger of the 4 PA UCC Conferences

Hopefully by now you have heard about the ongoing conversations of the possible merger of the four PA UCC Conferences. The first ever joint Spring Meeting of the four conferences will take place this week June 7-9th in State College. It will be a weekend of discernment for the delegates, including workshops, worship, fellowship and relationship building. The plenary sessions of the weekend will focus on the possible merger.

**On Saturday, November 9th**, all four conferences will meet—in their own locations—for the vote! This will be part of our Fall PSEC Meeting. So mark your calendars now for Saturday, November 9th to make sure you and your church delegates are at this very important meeting. Details on schedule and location coming soon.



The national biennial gathering of the **United Church of Christ Musicians Association** (UCCMA) will take place July 10-13, 2024 at the First Congregational Church of Greenwich, Connecticut. The three-day event for church musicians, choral and handbell choir members and worship leaders, includes workshops, plenary sessions, worship services, evening entertainment and networking opportunities. You can learn more about that here: <https://uccma.wildapricot.org/conference-2024>.



## VBS Materials to Share

Is your church storing supplies, decorations, or curriculum from a previous Bible school that's in good condition but likely won't be used again soon? If you have VBS materials available that you would be willing to loan or donate to other churches, email Brea at the PSEC office at [brea@psec.org](mailto:brea@psec.org). Brea can also share with you the **updated list with LOTS of materials** churches are willing to share.