

# SNAPSHOT of the ZONES of

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## Southern Zonal Forum

8 seated regions  
1 unseated region\*  
3,299 meetings

*member regions include*

Arkansas  
Kentuckiana  
Lone Star  
Louisiana  
Mississippi  
Red River\*  
Show-Me  
Tejas Bluebonnet  
Volunteer

### Zonal Meetings

Hybrid  
three times a year w

Consensus-Based  
Decision Making  
with all in attendance  
included in the process

Trusted servants  
2-year terms

Established  
1992



## INFORMATION

### Focus

The Southern Zonal Forum (SZF) focuses on addressing regional issues, collaborating with other zones and members, and sharing best practices to strengthen the Fellowship. They review Issue Discussion Topics, NAWS updates, and SZF guidelines while creating strategic plans to better serve the community.

Each zonal meeting includes workshops tailored to the host region's needs with topics chosen by the hosting region and the zonal body. SZF forms internal workgroups for regional delegates and their alternates, as well as external workgroups which are open to any member within the zone.

Following the 2024 strategic planning session, SZF launched three key workgroups: Communications, Mentorship, and Effects of Racism in the SZF.

The SZF also supports FD and PR efforts in member regions and communities upon request. The hybrid format of meetings and workgroups makes participation more accessible.

### Services

Workshops: The SZF hosts workshops during meetings and for local communities upon request. Topics include Fellowship development, public relations training, and other service-related efforts.

Website: Resources such as workshop presentations, guidelines, meeting minutes, event calendar, and other helpful documents are available on their website.

Zoom Access: Their Zoom meeting account is available for subcommittees, workgroups, and member regions, depending on availability.

CAR/CAT workshop: The SZF facilitates CAR/CAT workshops with World Board participation and are open to all members.

Public Relations: They host monthly virtual PR meetings which are open to all members to share ideas and resources. They also provide templates, PowerPoints, and sample letters to help with professional events and outreach. When requested, they attend regional meetings to support events and training.

Fellowship Development: The SZF hosts monthly virtual FD meetings which are open to all members. They provide mentorship, support, and training workshops to help regions develop and implement FD services.

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## COLLABORATION

The SZF matches mentors with mentees through Fellowship development efforts and is developing a SZF Human Resource Panel pool of trusted servants.

They collaborate with other service bodies to support SZF projects, such as the "Basic Text for Jails" initiative.

They participate in the Collaboration of US Zones, a quarterly virtual meeting of all seven US zonal forums. These meetings focus on shared service efforts to benefit addicts across the United States (<https://usa-na.org>).

## FINANCIAL

The zone is currently formalizing a budget based on the previous year's expenses. Funds come from groups, areas, and regions, and any amount exceeding the prudent reserve is forwarded to NAWS in line with SZF guidelines. To support zonal efforts, they collect registration donations during SZF meetings and occasionally raises funds through t-shirt sales.

## EVENTS

One of SZF's in-person meetings is held in conjunction with the Multi-Zonal Service Symposium, which will take place 1–4 October, 2026, in Wichita, Kansas, USA ([www.mzssna.org](http://www.mzssna.org)).