

## Recurring Themes

It all began when one of our founding members noticed how excited people get at conventions when choosing which workshops to attend. Topics at conventions range far beyond the usual - slogans and spiritual principles. Some are creative, some are ironic, and some come right out of our literature. We didn't have a meeting in New York City that included that stuff. > Gathering a few like-minded NA members, a space was found at Bernstein/Beth Israel that'd be available late on Tuesday evenings (9:15). So from September 2004 until January 2007, Recurring Themes served members needing a late meeting. There was a fun spirit from the start, and the group got in the habit of reciting the night's topic in unison. However, the fun might've ended. Bernstein began a major renovation on what had been our meeting space. Suddenly, and with little notice, the group was homeless! But it was not the end of the story. A facility in Union Square offered us a beautiful conference room. We'd be meeting earlier (7pm) and on a different night (Wednesday), but in February, 2007, we gratefully relocated. Attendance grew as word spread. We offered a focused meeting where you could hear, where speakers tackled the topic, and where the topics themselves were stimulating. But there'd be more twists and turns. We didn't behave at Union Square and were asked to leave! We'd already begun a second weekly Recurring Themes on Thursdays back at Bernstein, after the renovation. In February 2009, we started meeting on Mondays at the Foundling Hospital on 6th and 17th. Until that too came to an end, when the building was sold. But bad things often become good things, to quote one of our topics. Tuesdays became available back at Bernstein in January 2013, and we've met every Tuesday and Thursday since then. Over the years, we've had topics ranging from "Addicted to Certainty", "Knock Knock It's God" and "Designer Labels Don't Define Me" all the way to "I Wanted You to Leave - Until You Left Me", "Agnostics Recover Too", and "Doing Nothing, Expecting Different Results". We'll be celebrating our 12 Year Group Anniversary on September 27th