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AGPA ANNUAL MEETING TO BE NAMED “AGPA CONNECT”

NEW YORK, April 4, 2018— The American Group Psychotherapy Association announced that the AGPA Annual Training Week has a new name - **AGPA Connect!** It has a new logo specific to the Meeting:



In this, the 75th Anniversary year of the organization, it was time to provide the Meeting with its own name in order to convey its significance as the cornerstone of AGPA’s educational mission. A name that incorporates AGPA as it is familiar to those in the field, and also provides the meeting with its own identity as the experiential and educational group training event of the year. The AGPA Board of Directors and the Annual Meeting Committee worked together to come up with **AGPA Connect** as that name.

AGPA Connect represents what happens at this unique experiential Meeting in the formal learning sessions, at the business meetings (governance, community, Special Interest Groups) and during the receptions. It is an experiential meeting that demonstrates the power of groups to connect individuals, families and communities in meaningful ways to effect change on personal and societal levels.

“AGPA Connect is a dynamic name that is relevant to what happens in groups and reflects the educational mission of AGPA,” said Eleanor Counselman, EdD, CGP, LFAGPA, AGPA President. “We are an organization built on relationships – between colleagues and friends, students and teachers, leaders and group members. AGPA Connect captures the essence of our group.”

AGPA will use the new name for the first time at **AGPA Connect 2018** in Houston, February 26 – March 3.

For more information on AGPA Connect 2018, contact AGPA at 877-668-AGPA (2472) or visit www.agpa.org.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Media are invited to attend select sessions of AGPA Connect 2018. To register, please send an e-mail request to dfeirman@agpa.org or call 877-668-AGPA (2472).

About AGPA

The American Group Psychotherapy Association is the foremost professional association dedicated to the field of group psychotherapy, operating through a tri-partite structure: AGPA, a professional and educational organization; the Group Foundation for Advancing Mental Health, its philanthropic arm; and the International Board for Certification of Group Psychotherapists, a standard setting and certifying body. This multidisciplinary association has approximately 2,500 members, including psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, nurses, clinical mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, pastoral counselors and creative arts therapists, many of whom have been recognized as specialists through the Certified Group Psychotherapist credential. The association has 21 local and regional societies located across the country. Its members are experienced mental health professionals who lead psychotherapy groups and various non-clinical groups. Many are organizational specialists who work with businesses, not-for-profit organizations, communities and other "natural" groups to help them improve their functioning.

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