

The History of the Golden Group  
Founded April 12, 1981  
Welland, ON

History Updated as of April 2023

At some point in late 1980 or early 1981, a few local members from other groups came to believe that since there was no evening meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous in the City of Welland on Wednesday evenings; that they should begin the process of looking at creating a new meeting or group.

Three members named Rita L., Joe L., and Bernie L. began the search and on the evening of Wednesday, April 12, 1981 the Golden Group came to life and the group was soon registered with our General Service Office.

In 1984, the Members decided that a change in venues might be of benefit to the Group and its Members. The members chose to hold their weekly meetings at the United Church on Broadway Avenue for many years until a need to relocate became necessary, once again.

The Golden Group moved to All Peoples Church at 109 Chaffey Street and the first meeting at this new venue was held on Wednesday, June 24, 1992.

The Group survived through lean years with a small membership. In April of 2011, the Golden Group was the home group of 19 proud members who are responsible for making sure that the meetings are held every Wednesday evening. Warm hand shakes and a welcoming smile are always there for the sick Alcoholic who still suffers.

As a result of All People's Church closing in early 2015, plus the dwindling attendance at meetings, the Members of our group had to start looking for another venue to carry the message.

The result of the search found the Golden Group moving to the Central United Church, located at 12 Young Street in Welland in March of 2015.

In March of 2018 The Golden Group moved to Christ Community Church at 224 Division Street, Welland. The Golden Group is thriving with good attendance at the meeting. As of April 2023 the Golden Group has 15 members.