



# Speaking Across State Lines

Regional Speaker Trainers (RSTs) represent Stonecroft policies and procedures when approving speakers for the ministry. The following guidelines determine the most effective means of welcoming a Stonecroft speaker from out of state.

When a speaker has a desire to speak in a state other than her own, she should contact her region's RST and inform her of this interest.

The local RST will then contact the RST(s) in the region(s) where the speaker would like to speak. The RST should be prepared to share:

1. Feedback from recent Speaker Appraisals
2. The type of talks the speaker has available
3. When her talk was last updated
4. The level of experience the speaker has and the type of groups best suited for the speaker. This may require an opinion of the RST based upon her knowledge of the speaker.

Once a decision has been made to extend an invitation, the RST would then email/forward the speaker's information to the representatives and groups within her area.

After a speaker speaks at groups outside her local area, any Speaker Appraisal forms should be returned to her local RST and copied to the visiting area's RST for future reference.

When a speaker is approved, and her talk is updated, additional submission of manuscripts for approval from other states is not necessary. However, there may be times when an RST may still request to see a manuscript and choose not to extend an invitation to the visiting speaker. This could happen for a variety of reasons. Examples may include the uniqueness of a culture in a region or if the local Stonecroft group has a specific target in their outreach strategy. Because each RST knows her area best and desires to set all speakers up for success, a speaker should never take a lack of invitation to speak as a rejection.

**Note:** If there is no RST in either the state where they are approved or the state where they are requesting to speak, the SRA will be the point of contact to assist in the above process.