

Why Should We Provide These Functions With Money

-Bill W., October 1967 Grapevine

A.A.'s far-flung Twelfth Step activities, carrying the message to the next sufferer, are the very lifeblood of our A.A. adventure. Without this vital activity, we would soon become anemic; we would literally wither and die.

Now where do A.A.'s services – worldwide, area, local – fit into our scheme of things? Why should we provide these functions with money? The answer is simple enough. Every single A.A. service is designed to make more and better Twelfth Step work possible, whether it be a group meeting place, a central or intergroup office to arrange hospitalization and sponsorship, or the world service Headquarters (now the General Service Office) to maintain unity and effectiveness all over the globe.

Though not costly, these service agencies are absolutely essential to our continued expansion – to our survival as a Fellowship. Their costs are a **collective obligation** that rests squarely upon all of us. Our support of services actually amounts to recognition on our part that A.A. must everywhere function in full strength – and that, under our Tradition of self-support, we are all going to foot the bill.

Where Money & Spirituality Mix

A.A. Pamphlet (excerpts)

To help support A.A.'s essential services, the General Service Conference suggests that individual groups, through an informed group conscience, adopt a specific contribution plan tailored to meet the group's financial needs.

The basic group expenses are rent, literature, refreshments, meeting lists, and **GSR travel expenses to attend service functions.**