

Greetings to my fellow members:

The Self-Support Challenge in Alcoholics Anonymous is just as important a topic today as ever. Though we may strive to be self-supporting through our own contributions in our home groups, our efforts to be self-supporting in our group services provided by the General Service Office has continued to fall short. That shortfall has always been met by profits in literature sales.

This section of the CNCA Website has documents from the current General Service Conference Financial report. Although these documents are meant to be tools for the General Service Representative who wishes to help the group he/she serves be aware of the current facts about Alcoholics Anonymous and its financial situation, they are also tools for the individual member who also wishes to be fully self-supporting. I believe the way to become fully self-supporting is to know the facts and then to have courageous conversation about money within our fellowship. I hope these documents will do just that. I encourage every member to be aware of the financial situation of their home group as well as all the other service committees and entities that support the home group. Those committees include Intergroup/Central Office committee, District Committees, Area Committees and Hospitals and Institutions Committee. The General Service Office, of course, is also a service entity that provides tools and assistance to our groups. When a group understands the vital work that all these committees and entities provide in helping carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers, they may be inspired to contribute.

As a past delegate who served on the Finance Committee, I stand ready to help any member who wishes to learn more about how to financially support Alcoholics Anonymous in its mission to help the still suffering alcoholic.

In Love and Service

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