

Self-Support & Finance Assignment Activity Update

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Warm greetings from the Self-Support and Finance desk here at the General Service Office (GSO) of US/Canada. It is so nice to be in touch with you all. As the Self-Support and Finance Coordinator, I am available to support inquiries related to finance and the Seventh Tradition. It is a privilege to be of service to the Fellowship in this capacity.

Included within this report are resources, current updates, and news from the General Service Office intended to help keep members informed and to support clearer, more transparent communication between GSO's financial activity, and the Fellowship.

Contributions and Self-Support section of aa.org

We've recently updated the [Contributions and Self-Support](#) section on aa.org to improve accessibility and better reflect shared experience. Updates have been made to the following items:

- **SMF-223 FAQ on Practicing the Seventh Tradition at Virtual Meetings**
(<https://www.aa.org/faq-practicing-seventh-tradition-virtual-meetings>)
- **F-3 Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix**
(<https://www.aa.org/self-support-where-money-and-spirituality-mix>)
- **MG-15 A.A. Guidelines on Finance**
(<https://www.aa.org/aa-guidelines-finance>)
- **F-203 Seventh Tradition Fact Sheet - Your Seventh Tradition Contributions**
(<https://www.aa.org/seventh-tradition-fact-sheet-your-seventh-tradition-contributions>)

On this page you will also find the “Contributions = Service” service material:

When you contribute to the General Service Board, you help make sure that:

- Emails, letters and phone calls are answered. Newcomers find their local A.A.
- Resources are provided to A.A. members facing Accessibility Barriers. access@aa.org
- Members in Correctional Facilities get Big Books. corrections@aa.org
- Service materials are available for your group representative. groupservices@aa.org
- A.A.s around the globe share experience, strength and hope. international@aa.org

Contributions = Service!

Money in the basket supports Twelfth Step Work.

The Meeting Guide App continues to connect newcomers to nearby meetings.

Letters from treatment centers are answered and newcomers are connected to local A.A. if@aa.org

Public Service Announcements and press materials are available for your local media outlets. publicinfo@aa.org

Professionals get correct information about A.A. cpc@aa.org

Alcoholics Anonymous®

aa.org/news-and-announcements

This service material is provided for use at A.A. meetings, group events, intergroup events, district meetings, and area gatherings to help explain how Seventh Tradition contributions support Alcoholics Anonymous beyond the local level. The QR code on this piece links to the Alcoholics Anonymous 7th Traditions Contributions page, where members and groups can find additional information about the Seventh Tradition and how to make a contribution to the General Service Board.

Call for Shared Experience on the 7th Tradition in Action - Audio Recordings

We are inviting members to participate in a call for sharing by recording a 1-minute message about how an A.A. essential service has supported your journey through sobriety or helped you carry the message of A.A.

Here are the links to access those calls for sharing-

English: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/tw06ZI2S3R0>

Spanish: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/v1ONAxn7D3A>

French: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/4YxL1cTLK6o>

Some of the topics we are looking to capture in this outreach are:

- **Corrections Correspondence:** Writing to or receiving letters from A.A. members behind the walls
- **Treatment:** Your experience seeing A.A. literature, meetings, or members carrying the message into treatment centers and hospitals.
- **Accessibility:** How A.A. has made recovery more available through sign-language interpretation, closed captioning, hybrid meetings, or other accessibility tools that break down barriers to the A.A. message.
- **Loners, Internationalists Meeting (LIM):** Connections that reach isolated members across the globe — through letters, emails, and shared experience.
- **Contacting GSO:** A moment when a phone call, letter, or email to the General Service Office provided guidance, hope, or clarity.
- **A.A. Literature:** Any book or pamphlet that has been essential to your recovery.
- **Public Information & CPC:** A poster, flyer, or message you saw in a doctor's office, treatment facility, or other professional setting that helped you find A.A.
- **The Meeting Guide App:** How this digital tool helped you find your first or most meaningful meeting.
- **GSO Podcast:** An episode that strengthened your understanding of service or spiritual principles.
- **Conference Decisions:** How actions of the General Service Conference reflecting A.A.'s group conscience have helped carry the message to you or others.

For more information on submitting your recording contact: selfsupportfinance@aa.org

Monthly A.A.W.S. Communication – Self-Support

The AAWS Finance Committee recommended that monthly communication to Conference members be initiated from the Self-Support assignment, developed in consultation with the AAWS Treasurer, Chair of the General Service Board and General Manager with regular updates provided to the AAWS Self-Support Subcommittee.

The monthly A.A.W.S. communication includes a focus on self-support, with messages shared by trusted servants within the General Service structure and General Service Office staff.

These reflections are based on personal experience with the Seventh Tradition in action and speak to the importance of self-support from an individual perspective. This effort is intended to bring forward shared experience and continue the conversation of self-support throughout the Fellowship of A.A.

Contribution Portal on aa.org (<https://contribution.aa.org/#login-register>)

Updates to the contribution portal are currently underway through a collaboration between the Technology Department and the Finance Department. Additional inventory and a review of contribution vendors have been initiated with a goal to better improve our site when receiving contributions and adapting to the needs of groups practicing the 7th tradition.

Financial Reporting & Audit Information

Quarterly Financial Reports and audit information remain available to provide transparency and insight into the Financial Stewardship here at the General Service Office.

Information about GSO finances is available in the following publications posted on aa.org:

- [Quarterly Report from GSO](#)
- [AAWS Highlights](#)
- [Final Conference Report](#)

The annual audited financial statements for AAWS and GSB are available on the website of the New York State Charities Bureau:

- [Click here for AAWS](#)
- [Click here for GSB](#)

F-19 Self-Support Packet (<https://onlineliterature.aa.org/Self-Support-Packet>)

A Self-Support packet is available to be ordered by members and can be utilized within groups, districts, and areas. Thanks to contributions from A.A. members throughout the United States

and Canada this is provided at no cost. This tool is a resource to support conversations on the Seventh Tradition.

GSO Podcast, Our Primary Purpose(<https://www.aa.org/gso-podcast>)

The GSO podcast continues to share experience across service topics. An upcoming episode will focus on self-support and how contributions support the work of carrying the message of A.A. This episode is projected to premiere mid-April 2026.

You will also find an additional self-support episode in Season 1, Episode 1: *Flipping the Triangle*, an interview with GSO's comptroller and a discussion of AA's self-support model.