



# Financial Contribution within the Nar-Anon Structure

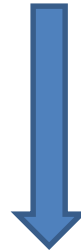
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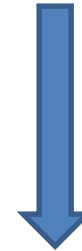
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# Flow of \$\$

Members



Family Home Groups



Midwest Region → World Service Organization



# Where Does \$\$ Go?

## Family Home Groups

- Group conscience determines use
- Monthly business meeting reports spending detail
- Common uses
  - Rent for meeting space
  - Refreshments
  - Donations to Region and World Service Org
  - Literature
    - Newcomer
    - Outreach



# Where Do \$\$ Go?

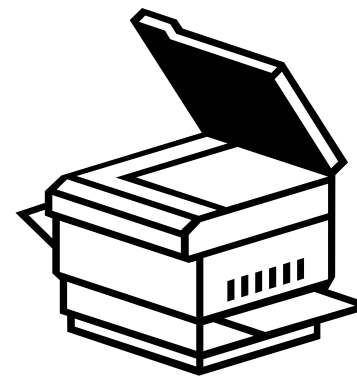
## Midwest Region

- GSRs approve annual budget
- Monthly Treasurer's Reports
- Expenses
  - World Service Conf expenses for Delegate/Alternate
  - New Group Literature
  - Outreach
  - Region's Website
  - Regional Service Committee operations/admin
  - Banking expenses

# Where Do \$\$ Go?

## World Service Organization Expenses

- Staff salaries/benefits
- Office space rental
- Phone, internet services
- Computers
- Copiers
- Printers
- Paper, ink
- World Service Committee Projects
  - Literature Production
  - Software
  - Website upkeep, fees
  - Newsletter and Subscription fees



# Did You Know...

- ...Recent Donations to the World Service Organization are down about 15%
- ...Operations Costs for the World Service Organization are up about 6%
- This means a net reduction in spending power of 21%
- All this at a time when numbers of groups are growing, need for support is expanding
- Increased funding is needed **urgently**

# The Cash Stream Starts Where??



# Prudent Reserve

- What's that?
  - “Money that is set aside to cover operational expenses for the group in the event of declining contributions.”
- How do I know what my Home Group's Prudent Reserve is?
  - 3 months average expenses
- At the time the Home Group's cash on hand exceeds the Prudent Reserve, Nar-Anon suggests the excess be sent to the next service level based on a group conscience



# Member Giving

- NOT sacrificial
- Personal finances vary greatly from member to member. Give what YOU can (without regard for what others give).
- Other gifts are also important and needed
  - Time
  - Talent
  - Passion
  - Service



# How Can My Home Group Generate More Funds?

- Potlucks
- Rummage Sales/Garage Sales
- Bake Sales
- White Elephant Sales
- Sale of member-made craft items at conventions, Assembly
- Designate how a Tradition #7 donation basket dollars will be used
  - To Midwest Region – New Group Literature for newly formed groups
  - To Midwest Region – Outreach Literature for use at conventions or in support of regional outreach efforts

