

7th Tradition/11th Concept for Groups and Areas

Saturday, October 28, 11:10am-12:20pm

Agenda

11:10

Announcements, readings, introductions, and hugs

11:15 – 11:25

Tradition 7: *Every NA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.*

Explanation of the 7th Tradition Exercise

BRIDGING Traditions

- What can be learned from comparing traditions with other Traditions, Steps or Concepts with an example of how being self supporting allows our groups to remain autonomous and allow any addict to be a member

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- Using Tradition 5 (furthering our primary purpose), tradition 1 (unity) and tradition 12 (anonymity) to support everything we do in service

11:25 – 11:40

Small group discussion

Table 1 bridges 7th with 5th tradition

Table 2 bridges 7th with 1st tradition

Table 3 bridges 7th with 12th tradition

11:40 – 11:45

Full group discussion: sharing, questions and ideas

11:45 – 11:50

Eleventh Concept: *NA funds are to be used to further our primary purpose, and must be managed responsibly.*

Introduce the 11th concept exercise utilizing study and discussions questions from the "The 12 Concepts of NA" booklet.

11:50 – 12:05

Break-out session with all "home group tables" answering questions from 11th concept booklet (on back)

12:05 – 12:15

Full group discussion: sharing, questions and ideas

12:20 – Pray out and eat lunch!!

1. What is money used for in your group? Your area?

2. Rank the following group budget priorities:

- NA literature
- Refreshments
- Meeting-hall rent
- Group prudent reserve
- Service donations to area/world

Why did you rank them in the order you did? Does your group have standing budget priorities, or does it handle such questions from month-to-month?

3. Do you know of instances where NA money has been spent frivolously at the group level? In an area or regional committee? What was “frivolous” about the way that money was spent? How should it have been spent instead?

4. Are NA funds well-accounted for in your group? Your area and region? If not, what kinds of financial reports would you like to see instead?

5. *“Direct group contributions to our service structure encourage responsible management of service funds and help our services maintain their focus on NA’s primary purpose.”*

- Does your area depend on NA fundraisers for a significant portion of its income? Is that wise?
- How does it affect the relationship of the ASC or RSC to your group?
- Would that relationship be any different if groups contributed directly to each level of service?
- Would our service boards and committees be able to operate solely on income from direct group contributions?